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The undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the Judge of Probate for Kennebec County, to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Fred A. Moore, late of Augusta, deceased, represented insolvent, give notice that six months from the 26th day of September, 1887, are allowed for said creditors to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session for the purpose of receiving said claims and proof, at the office of Winfield S. Choate, Augusta, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day, on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, and on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next.
WINFIELD S. CHOATE, } Commissioners.
F. E. SOUTHARD, }
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Commissioners' Notice.
The undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the Judge of Probate for Kennebec County, to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of William G. Kingsbury late of Augusta, deceased, represented insolvent, give notice that six months from the 26th day of September, 1887, are allowed for said creditors to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session for the purpose of receiving said claims and proof, at the office of Winfield S. Choate, Augusta, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day, on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, and on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next.
H. W. TRUE, } Commissioners.
W. S. CHOATE, }
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KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.
JOSEPH H. VIGOUREUX, Administrator on the estate of Cordelia T. Warren, late of Farmingdale, in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administration for allowance:
Ordered, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court, then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: Howard Owen, Register. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and testament of Calvin C. Woodworth, late of Fayette, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, testate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to
Sept. 26, 1887. 47* DEXTER D. GORDON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of Henry Sewall, late of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to HARRY SEWALL.
Sept. 26, 1887. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of Lusanna Brooks, late of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to DANIEL A. CONY.
Sept. 26, 1887. 47*

KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court, at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.
A. B. CATES, Administrator on the estates of John Frye and Lydia D. Stilson, late of Vassalboro, in said county, deceased, having presented his first account of administration for allowance:
Ordered, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: Howard Owen, Register. 47*

KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Court of Probate held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.
A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT, purporting to be the last will and testament of Ann Marshall, late of Augusta, in said County, deceased, having been presented for probate:
Ordered, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed, as the last will and testament of the said deceased.
H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: Howard Owen, Register. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of Mary Ann Savage, late of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to JAMES SAVAGE.
Sept. 5, 1887. 45*

KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court, held at Augusta, on the first Monday of September, 1887.
NOAH WOODS and ARTEMAS LIBBEY, Trustees under the last will and testament of Peter Grant, late of Farmingdale, in said County, deceased, having presented their fourth account as Trustees of said will for allowance; and also the resignation of Noah Woods as Trustee:
Ordered, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the second Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: Howard Owen, Register. 45*

KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court at Augusta, on the first Monday of September, 1887.
A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT, purporting to be the last will and testament of William Gould, late of Pittston, in said County, deceased, having been presented for probate:
Ordered, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the second Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Court of Probate then to be holden at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed, as the last will and testament of the said deceased. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
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Maine Farmer.

Farmers' Institutes.

Parkman, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
East Dover, Wednesday, Oct. 26.
Western Penobscot at Corinna or Exeter, Thursday, Oct. 27.
St. Albans, Friday, Oct. 28.

Steers have recently sold in Chicago market for shipment east, for $2.75 to $2.90 per hundred. Does any one believe ranch men are making money?

It is now very well understood that the next meeting of the State Grange will be in City Small Hall, Lewiston. It has been some time since a session has been held on the banks of the Androscoggin, and Lewiston is one of the centres of convenience in the State.

Some farmers attribute the disease known as weak loins in hogs, to lying in hot horse manure. It is a rheumatic trouble which may be cured by active and continued rubbing. It may also be cured by exercise and fresh air; but it is better still to give the fresh air and exercise first, and thus prevent the appearance of the disease.

It is the solids of the milk that call for or use up the food of the animal. It makes little difference with the food consumed, whether a cow puts a pound of butter or two pounds of cheese into a pailful of milk, or diffuses it through two. The difference between the two kinds of milk is water, and this costs nothing and carries a like value.

The *American Garden* says it is about time that we should stop speaking and writing about roots "seeking" their food, just as if they possessed intelligence. The multiplicity of roots in fertile spots is due solely to the extra stimulus thereat to freer growth than at more sterile points. Where there is more food, of course there is more growth, other things being equal.

Edward Burnett, Deerfoot Farm, claims that to the cow that makes the most butter from a given amount of food, belongs the honors. Yes, but "butter tests" are made to boom a family of stock by a sort of legerdemain that aims to make the public believe that the record comes from the cow, rather than the feed. When honors must be placed on *profitable* results, there will be no more public tests.

Who has tried the experiment, the past season, of seeding potatoes with whole seed in comparison with cut? A down east editor, so modest that he does not want his name mentioned, tried it with marked results in favor of the whole seed. T. Greiner, of Monmouth Co., N. J., publishes potato tests in the *New York Tribune*, showing a difference in profit of $38.50 per acre in favor of planting whole medium-sized potatoes. See results of continued experiments, in the new volume of Agriculture of Maine. The experience of readers of the *Farmer* will be in order, and acceptable, on this matter as well as all others connected with their business. Practical experience is the safe guide in all farm practice, and who so well informed in this as those who are carrying on the work? Let us hear from you.

T. B. Terry, in the *Country Gentleman*, suggests a new use for a cold storage house, viz., that of keeping seed potatoes from sprouting. For years, Mr. Terry has done his best to keep his seed potatoes from doing this before planting time. Whenever he failed, he is sure that he lost by it, after watching the crop grow. A cold storage house would, he thinks, settle the matter satisfactorily. It is this "cold storage" that chiefly gives Aroostook potatoes their superior value for seed. In Connecticut and Long Island, potatoes ripen in July, in Aroostook, the last of September; and thus they escape the injurious effects of the long continued warm weather which must be passed over further south. In Aroostook, potatoes are put on the market at planting time in essentially the same condition as when taken from the ground.

The Utica *Herald* in commenting on the good condition of pasturage at this date, and the efforts of dairymen to keep up a liberal flow of milk for the cheese factories, adds this remark: "When milk nets the farmer a dollar a hundred or more, he is willing to produce all he can." There are prominent farmers in this State who claim that dairying is poor business if milk cannot bring the maker more than a cent a pound. Yet think for a moment of the farmers in the great dairy regions of Herkimer and St. Lawrence, that this same product at the value named, and even less, has built up into independence and wealth, and on lands of far higher value than ours in Maine, and the fallacy of the claim of poor business will appear at once. Faith and pluck, with a knowing how to do it, will build up wealth from the business among us here, wherever it is vigorously taken hold of.

The Potato Crop.

The condition of the potato crop still continues to go down to lower figures as time goes on, and the extent of the work of the rot is fully realized. The crop is now all harvested. The work of the rot has been going on, whether dug early or late, and whether the cooler weather of the later season will check it and save the few we now have on hand remains to be known.

It this State the crop is a more general failure in the westerly half than in the eastern portion where it was one to two weeks later. Our correspondents, through their crop reports and other communications, have kept the readers of the *Farmer* informed in the matter, yet the latest information from that section places the crop even lower than has been reported. Our correspondent, G. W. P. Jerrard, Caribou, an extensive dealer in seed potatoes, writes to the *Aroostook Republican* as follows:

The statement in last week's issue of the *Republican*, that the potato crop this season is an average one in New York and Pennsylvania, and good in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, is not true. Now the fact is, the potato crop all over the country, east of California and north of Virginia, is a dismal failure. Thousands of acres will not be harvested at all, on account of rot. There has not been so short a crop in the great potato growing State of New York for years, and Pennsylvania is worse off still. During the past month I have received communications from my last spring customers in every part of the United States and British Provinces; and all except in California, Oregon, Washington Territory and the South, report small yield or total failure of this crop, either from drouth, rust, blight or rot, and a potato famine is predicted unless other countries come to the rescue. Let our farmers hold their potatoes for higher prices than were ever known in this country, for they are keeping well in the cellars, and it is only a matter of time when they will command fabulous prices."

Potatoes have been going forward to market quite freely, the purpose being to sell before loss by rot. This movement has kept the market measurably well supplied from day to day, and has kept the price down to a reasonable figure. In Aroostook county sales have been quite large, going direct from the field to the station. At Houlton the receipts have been from one to two thousand barrels a day, and in the northern part of the county but little less. The starch factories are not getting many potatoes, although they are paying good prices.

It is probable that eastern potatoes will not longer waste much by rot, and those who have cellar room in which to keep them will gain by doing so. There is no question but they will bear an extreme price, especially for seed in the spring. How high they will go for purposes of consumption will depend on the supply by importation. Extreme prices will be sure to start a trade across the Atlantic, as has before been the case. This supply, however, will not be what is wanted for seed. It is as good as certain, therefore, that eastern potatoes will command a high price, and that farmers will do well to hold their supply if they are sound and keeping well. The short crop is wide-spread. The St. Louis *Rural World*, in its last issue, says that Irish potatoes have not been so high in that market at this season for ten years. This is the cry all along the line.

State College.

There is the largest actual attendance at the State College this fall term ever had in the history of its work. It is gratifying to know that its advantages as an institution of learning are being more and more appreciated from year to year, and that the results there accomplished are tending to increase its popularity. The Freshman class is making a good record for itself, both in studies and in general deportment, and there is every evidence that it will in time prove itself made up of that sturdy material which has given so high standing to the graduates.

The new building now being erected for the accommodation of the departments of Agriculture and Natural History, is approaching completion in its exterior. The roof is now being put on. It is a fine structure, substantially built throughout. Those who have the construction in charge say that the contractors are endeavoring to carry out the terms of their contract to the letter. This, when completed, will supply a long felt want at the institution. The fall term will close the last of November.

Chestnut Trees for Ornament.

A correspondent of an exchange urges planting nut trees along the highways, instead of the other kinds which yield nothing of value and do not afford any better shade than trees bearing delicious fruits and nuts. In cultivating nut trees we are not neglecting the æsthetics of our surroundings or that of the highways, for the hickories, walnuts and chestnuts are as noble and beautiful trees as the maples, lindens, and other common and familiar roadside trees.

To all this we give a hearty concurrence, and would urge attention especially to the chestnut. This tree will grow and thrive as well over a large part of this State as it does in our neighboring States. It is a rapid grower, and when standing alone forms a wide-spreading top of regular proportions, thus making a beautiful shade tree. Its foliage is heavy and is held till late in the season. When the lengthened year has ripened its foliage, and the frosts of autumn remind us that winter is approaching, its pleasures do not all pass away with the sweeping blasts, for it then yields up a crop of nuts, acceptable to all, and which may be a source of no inconsiderable revenue. "Chestnuts!" may be repulsive, but no boy ever becomes so old that he would not enjoy "going a chestnutting" on an Indian summer afternoon like the present. We have trees raised from our own planting which have given full crops of nuts for three years in succession.

To insure the germination of the nuts when planted there are two precautions to observe, not to let the mice eat them up, and not let them dry before planting. The neglect of either one is equally fatal. Plant the nuts just in the soil, and where no water will stand, and throw over a light coating of leaves, but not enough to prevent slight freezing. In spring the covering should be just sufficient to keep moist. Better to plant where you want the trees to stand, as they have but few small roots and are difficult to transplant.

It is desirable to combine the useful with the ornamental, and in the chestnut we have a beautiful shade tree as well as a harvest of nuts.

Montreal Horticultural Society.

The twelfth annual report of the Montreal Horticultural Society and Quebec Fruit-Growers' Association, for 1886-87, gives the secretary's report of the annual meeting, the winter fruit meeting and its proceedings, the winter meeting for the discussion of flowers, a tabulated description of 164 Russian apples, a paper on Swedish fruits, and the reports of several local societies.

During the discussion on apples at the winter meeting, the disease known as spot, or scab, was discussed at length. This is a matter which some of our Maine fruit growers have met serious trouble with, and which they are now seeking information upon. The spot disease of the Fameuse and other sorts was particularly examined, and a paper from Prof. D. P. Penhallow was specially devoted to the subject. The spots, which are of a dull black color, with a whitish border, vary from an eighth to half an inch in diameter, and are often confluent. They are caused by the growth of a fungus, and ruin the fruit for market. They are the worst on the Fameuse. When entirely free, this apple sells for $5 a barrel; when much spotted, for about one-tenth as much. Thirty-one sorts were named, including our standard fruits, which are more or less affected, and the following numbers show the comparative liability of several hardy ones: Fameuse and Walbridge, 99 per cent.; Haas, 40 per cent.; Plumb's Cider, 20 per cent.; Pewaukee, 10 per cent.; Tetofsky, 5 to 10 per cent.; Oldenburg, less than 5 per cent. The disease is not a recent one, but has increased of late years. The principal treatment requires judicious pruning. Sulphur, kerosene emulsion, and caustic potash have been tried, with no lasting benefit. Like other diseases from parasitic fungi, it is extremely difficult to prevent, and the best course is to plant those sorts which experience has shown to be least affected.

Mr. Gibb found the Shiawassee Beauty to spot very badly, one or two spots on the Yellow Transparent, the Russets comparatively free. Members differed as to the effect of high and rich cultivation—some found high manuring to cause and others to prevent it.

Several of the members voted for the best five varieties of apples for profit, from which we condense the following results: 7 voted for Oldenburg; 5 each for Wealthy, Alexander and Fameuse; 2 each for Yellow Transparent and St. Lawrence; and 1 each for Golden Russet, Canada Baldwin, Winter St. Lawrence, Ben Davis, Golden Russet and Peach of Montreal.

The officers of the Society are Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, president, and E. J. Maxwell, Montreal, secretary.

Agricultural Stations.

A recent issue of the *Washington Telegram* has the following reference to the Hatch Experiment Station appropriation. Should this hopeful view of the situation be realized there will be little loss from the delay:

"The defect in the law providing for experimental agricultural stations at the various State colleges will work no great amount of hardship. Under the law the first quarterly payment of $3,750 for each experimental station was to be made on the first of next October. As Judge Durham, the first comptroller, has decided the law is not so worded as to make any appropriation for the next fiscal year, the only effect of this defect is to delay the time at which the law would go into practical operation. It is not doubted that Congress will take hold of the matter at the session next winter just as soon as the committees are organized. This will hardly be possible, however, until after the first of January, as Congress never gets to work, and the committees are not, as a rule, appointed until after the holiday recess. The result will be that the time for the second quarterly payment will also have passed before Congress is likely to take any action to provide the required appropriation. Hence there will practically be due the colleges the sum of $7,500 each for the experimental stations before there is any appropriation by Congress. Friends of the law among the members who are now in Washington, say that they will endeavor to have an appropriation so worded as to pay this $7,500 to the colleges in addition to whatever amount may fall due upon the two following dates of payment in the next fiscal year. With this understanding of the probable course to be pursued by Congress it is thought some of the colleges will proceed to make their general arrangements for the stations, counting upon the certainty of getting the congressional appropriation in the course of time.

Farmers' Autumn Festivals.

Cumberland County Fair.

The opening of the 48th Annual Fair of the Cumberland County Agricultural and Horticultural Society at Gorham on Tuesday, Sept. 27, was a most successful one. A large number of improvements have been made in the grounds during the past year. Twenty-five acres of land have been fenced and a fine "headquarters" building erected at the entrance. The Atkinson Furnishing Company gave the society a nice set of office furniture as a free gift. Twenty-four sheds for trotting horses have been built, and twenty sheds for exhibition horses; also fifty covered cattle sheds. The track has been widened 50 feet and put in good condition, and a grand stand seating 500 people put up. The expense of fitting up the grounds has amounted to about $1,200.

There was an excellent showing of stock. Mr. Isaac Johnson of Gorham had the finest yoke of oxen on the ground, girthing 8½ feet. A show of "Guernseys" in cows, from Long Creek Farm, was exhibited by D. W. Clark of Portland. A. E. & F. A. Skillins of Scarboro, showed some extra cows and bulls, and also Mr. Webster of Buxton. Chas. Johnson of Gorham had some Hereford steers that were much admired. There was as well some very stout cattle exhibited by Fred Phinney, Wesley Murch, Alf Rowe, Mr. Riggs, Daniel Libby, Nelson Newcomb and Isaac Hamlin. Mr. Woodman Scribner of Buxton probably has the heaviest yoke on the grounds. They are beauties. There are some very good exhibits in fowls and sheep.

The exhibit of fruits, vegetables and fancy and household articles was held in the town hall at the village. The exhibit must be gratifying to those who have the matter in charge.

At 1.30 P. M. a very fair sized crowd, for the first day, were present, and the trotting opened up well. The first race for four year old colts was quite interesting. Maggie V., however, easily winning first money in four heats; Chas. J. showed himself to be a very pretty trotting colt and will be heard from ere yet; he captured second money.

Messrs. L. P. Hawkins, of Portland, C. F. Swasey of Standish, and Chas. Weymouth of Lewiston, officiated as judges in a manner satisfactory to all. The Buxton Band furnished excellent music.

Fruit.

The fruit display was quite small, but there were some very fine varieties shown, nevertheless.

The 1st premium for the best collection of apples was awarded to Mr Frank B Harding of Gorham. He had a magnificent display of luscious looking fruit.
Best collection of pears—L J Perkins, 1st; F C Harding, 2d.
Best exhibit of grapes—F C Harding, 1st.
Best show of table vegetables—G D Weeks, 1st.
Best collection of canned fruit—Mrs Rufus Fogg, 1st.
Two plates of two years' old apples were shown in a well preserved state.

Butter.

There was considerable interest in the dairy department, as Mr. J. F. Libby of Portland offered a special premium of $10 for the best exhibit of not less than 10 lbs. of butter. This was won by Mrs. C. W. Deering. The society premiums were awarded Mrs. W. M. Libby, 1st; Mrs. C. W. Deering, 2d.

Other Exhibits.

G. W. Weeks of Gorham showed five mammoth squashes, growing from one vine, and weighing in the aggregate 600 pounds; the largest weighing about 200 pounds. Who beats this record?

Mr. Alton Brackett had a long, striped pumpkin, weighing 91 pounds.

Mr. W. I. Bickford took first premium on a saving barrel-churn, which he has invented.

GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING HORSES.

There was a good exhibition of gentlemen's driving horses, and they made a pretty trot. Gen. Henry Thomas won first prize, Mr. L. P. Hawkins' Billie I. made a fine second, and Scott Jordan came in third. It was a very successful exhibition.

THE PULLING MATCH.

In the first class, W. W. Hatch of Cape Elizabeth, pulled the load of 6130 pounds a distance of 72½ feet, his horses weighing 2120 pounds. He took first premium. A. W. Rowe of Gorham, pulled the load 9 feet, his horses weighing 2200 pounds.

In the test for single draft horses, the same gentlemen contested, with a similar result. The horses each weighed 1050 pounds, and the load 3200 pounds. Mr. Hatch's horse pulled it 42 feet, and Mr. Rowe's 7 feet.

TOWN TEAM.

The Gorham town team made a good showing. The girth will be of interest to all farmers, so we give it complete: W. Murch, 8-4; D. C. Libby, 8; I. C. Johnson, 8-5; A. Riggs, 7-5; H. Murch, 8-4; ex-Gov. Frederick Robie, 7-4 and 7-4; A. Rowe, 7-3; N. Newcomb, 7-5 and 7. The prizes on pulling were awarded as follows: First class, A. W. Rowe 1st. Second class, W. Marion 1st. Third class, Oscar Deering 1st, A. E. & F. A. Skillin 2d.

STALLIONS.

Five years old—General Weaver, James Floyd, Portland, 1st; Elbridge York, Standish, 2d.

POULTRY.

Frank C Harding, 1st Plymouth Rock chicks; W M Libby, 1st on Plymouth Rock fowl, 2d on chicks, 1st on turkeys. J B Fessenden, No Scarboro, 1st on white Plymouth Rock chicks, and W M Libby, 2d. Special premium of a silver cup by the Maine Poultry Association, for the best exhibit of any one variety, taken by J B Fenderson, No Scarboro. Mr Fenderson also takes 1st on geese, Brahma fowl, Brown Leghorn, game chicks and Polish. Willie Deering of Gorham, 1st on Pekin ducks, and O K Phinney, 1st on Wyandotte chicks.

CATTLE.

Oxen and steers—Working oxen, T W Deering, 1st; J L Johnson, 2d. Best pair, J L Johnson, 1st. Four years olds—Chas Johnson, 1st; C E Watson, 2d.

Steers, 2 year olds—F C Phinney, 1st; A S Riggs, 2d; E Deering, 3d.

One year old—S W Phinney, 1st; A F Johnson, 2d.

Grade cows and heifers, 4 year olds—William McDonough, 1st; W I Bickford, 2d, and 1st on grade Jerseys 2 years old, and on 1 year olds.

Fat oxen—J L Johnson, 1st; Murch Brothers of Gorham, 2d.

Jersey stock—Alonzo Libby, Saccarappa, takes 1st on Jersey herd and bulls, and both 1st and 2d on heifers, 1st, 2d and 3d on 4-year olds, and 1st and 2d on heifer calf; W C Webster, Portland, 2d on bulls.

Ayrshire stock—Alonzo Libby takes all of the premiums.

Holsteins—W C Webster takes 1st on 1 year old bulls, 4-year-old cow and 1-year-old heifer; A E & F A Skillin, Cape Elizabeth, takes 1st on bull calf, 2d on cows, 4 years old, and 1st on heifers, 2 years old; H B Johnson, 2d on bull calf.

Matched oxen—Murch Brothers, Gorham, 1st; A A Trickey, Saccarappa, 2d.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Matched oxen—Murch Brothers, Gorham, 1st; A A Trickey, Saccarappa, 2d.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

The exhibit of sheep was very good. F Berry of Buxton, took first prize on Leicester buck lambs and ewes; C A Brackett, Gorham, 1st on Oxford Downs bucks and ewes; E E Brackett, 1st on Oxford Downs buck lambs and ewes; A L Fenderson, No Scarboro, 1st on Merino buck; A A Trickey, Saccarappa, 1st on China bred sheep; B R Sturgis, Gorham, 1st on Hampshire Down buck and ewes; H B Johnson, 1st on full blood boar; L C Roberts, 2d.

GELDINGS.

Two years olds—Mikado colt, L P Hawkins, Portland, 1st; A E & F A Skillins, 2d.
Three years old—F H Deering, 1st.
Four years old—"Chas. J.", Rufus Jordan, 1st.

MARES AND FOALS.

Lady Knox, Charles Hunnewell, 1st; E A Allen, 2d.

STALLIONS.

Three years old—Glenwood, Alonzo Libby, 1st; Wm H Hodge, Deering, 2d.
Two years old—James Clay, 1st; Prince Bismarck, S Hartford, 2d.

FILLIES.

Two years old—Nellie C., Charles Weymouth, Gray, 1st; Fillis, F H Deering, Gorham, 2d.
One year old—Venus, Bion W Bickford, Saccarappa, 1st; Michael Morgan, Saccarappa, 2d.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Cumberland County Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held in Grange Hall, President Harris presiding. The following officers were elected: President, W. W. Harris, Deering. Vice Presidents, Alonzo Libby, Saccarappa; W. H. Vinton, Gray; Frederick Robie, Gorham; Isaac L. Johnson, Gorham. Secretary, J. J. Frye, Portland. Treasurer, Col. H. R. Millett, Gorham. Auditor, C. F. Swasey, Standish.

Androscoggin Cattle Show.

For several years, or since the State Fair has been held at Lewiston, the Androscoggin county Society's exhibition, what there was of it, has been held in connection with the State exhibition. This arrangement has failed to satisfy the members of the Society, however. It is a fact, realized more perhaps by those who have tried to amalgamate than by other counties, that the State Society in a large part of its work soars above the reach of the rank and file, with their grade stock, who make up the larger part of the exhibits in nearly all departments of the county cattle shows. This has left a great part of the members of the Androscoggin Society out in the cold. While the organization has been kept up there has been comparatively little work done. This year it was decided to again try their hand with an independent exhibition, and the result shows that this once active Society has not lost its life by its slumbers.

The show opened on Tuesday of last week on the grounds of the State Society at Lewiston. In the cattle contest for home teams there were but two entries, Lewiston and Poland, the former taking the first premium, with eight yoke against seven from Poland. Lewiston's largest girth was that of H. B. Bartlett's and R. R. Stewart's, 8 feet each—the latter weighing 4388. The town average was 3977.

The largest and heaviest of the Poland team was the pair exhibited by A. G. Thurlow, girthing 7 feet 4 inches and weighing 3920.

In the town team of three-year-old steers there was but one entry, F. H. Deering of Webster, 7 yokes, a very fine team, averaging 6 feet 6 inches—the largest being 6 feet 10 inches.

There was only one entry in the town teams of four year old steers, that of C. H. Cobb, Poland, six yokes, a very good team, averaging five feet, four inches in girth.

There were two pairs of three year old steers entered for both the best matched and for the best pair matched. They were both Herefords—one yoke was that of F. S. French, Turner, the other belongs to Davis Maxwell of Wales.

G. H. Jones of Webster displays Fayette Boy, a 2-year-old thorough-bred bull, and a fat three-year-old steer, girthing 6 feet 5 inches. He also has a matched pair of 4-year-old steers, and a pair of 2-year-olds, besides a seven-eighths Hereford heifer 4 months old.

F. B. Jeffrey of Lewiston has a pair of working oxen which girth 7 feet 6 inches and weigh 3,850 pounds. I. T. Carville of Lewiston exhibits a pair of grade Holstein oxen girthing 7 feet 6 inches, and a herd of Holstein thoroughbreds. Reuben Stewart of Lewiston has a pair of Holstein oxen girthing 8 feet, and a pair of yearlings of the same breed. Charles Haley has a pair of Hereford oxen girthing 7 feet 8 inches. They were awarded first premium for best matched pair. Capt. Joseph Garcelon of Lewiston has a pair of Herefords and one of Holsteins, both girthing 7 feet 6 inches. F. S. French of Turner exhibits one pair of working Durham oxen girthing 8 feet, and one pair of matched three-year-old Herefords girthing 7 feet. J. S. Weymouth of Greene exhibits a pair of two-year-old Durham steers, and a yoke of three-year-olds of the same breed. William Ellsworth of Greene shows a fine 2-year-old Durham heifer. J. H. Jordan of Webster exhibits a fine pair of four-year-old Hereford steers girthing 6 feet 8 inches, weighing 4,000 pounds. Robert Clark of Wales has a pair of four-year-olds, 7 feet girth, grade Durham. J. T. Jordan of Webster has a pair of 2-year-old grade steers, 6 feet 9 inches in girth, weighing 2910 lbs, also a pair of Durham yearlings, one of the finest pairs on the ground.

Wendall Maxwell, Webster, has a pretty pair of six months calves which take the first premium. Davis Maxwell's 3-year-old steers are the talk of the day. They girt 7 feet 6 inches.

In the horse department there were a large number of entries. L. C. Ryerson has six of Kinsman's get on exhibition. Josh Hamlin, a spirited 2-year-old stallion belonging to H. A. Huse, of Bath, in charge of Mr. Jenkins, the Auburn colt trainer. A yearling filly owned by Mr. Ryerson; a yearling gelding, the property of W. C. and H. L. Frank of Poland; a black yearling filly owned by G. G. Heath of Auburn; a bay yearling filly, the property of J. Y. Scruton; and a jet black yearling filly, owned by N. P. Downing of Minot.

Two of Tuka's get are in adjoining stalls. One of the smoothest built, gentlest and prettiest little five-month stallion in the county is that owned by Fred Robinson of South Auburn. The other is the winner of the three-year-old race at Gray, the dark brown gelding owned by N. H. Penley of Auburn.

Another of Tuka's is F. A. Hackett's 2-year-old black mare, entered for one of the honors in her class and "Rennie P." and "Fred B." are both at the Fair. "Fred B." is just home from New Hampshire where he has been doing good work. He won an eight heat race at Rochester, making 36 in the fifth heat.

"Red Cross" of Portland, owned by J. P. Woodbury, is entered in the 34 class; "Edward C." owned by Edward Clark of Portland, is in the 2.40 class.

The exhibit of poultry was fully as choice as that at the State Fair. The first floor of the main hall is filled with farm machinery, and its family relations of the fruit dryer and churn branch. The display is excellent. The second floor is occupied by Grange exhibits. Lewiston Grange No. 2, has the north wing, and Auburn Grange No. 4, has the west wing, leaving the other two wings and the center for later arrivals.

C. T. Nevens, of Auburn has a fine showing of gent's driving carriage pheatons, carryalls, wagons and sleighs.

Mr. J. L. Howe, of Greene, has a patent hay lifter which does marvellous work in the rack, raising half a load at one time and depositing it in the mow. Mr. Howe claims that his lifter will do more with less power, and do it more expeditiously, than any other. It has many improvements that other machines have not.

The Thomas Mfg. Co., of Springfield, Ohio, exhibits tedders, horse rakes, mowing machines, plows and harvesters.

A. L. & E. F. Goss of Lewiston have an excellent display of harrows, of the best and most improved makes, besides about a quarter of an acre of horse rakes, mowing machines, plows, seeders and various other labor saving devices for the farm.

The Walter A. Wood New Light Harvester attracts much attention.

The Indurated Fibre Company of Portland, exhibits pails, tubs and a general assortment of their wares.

A. L. & E. F. Goss have an immense display of butter stamps, cream gatherers, churns, refrigerators and smaller implements for dairies and creameries.

A pneumatic fruit dryer from Bellows Falls, Vt., is a great feature of Goss' display. They deserve great credit for their gigantic exhibit.

J. F. Howe of Greene, has cheeses of the sage and plain variety.

Mrs. I. B. Additon of Leeds, has a fine showing of plain cheese.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dillingham of North Auburn, have a plain cheese.

Henry Johnson has one of each kind, and there is a cheese made by a girl twelve years old.

Mrs. Sarah Howe of Greene, Mrs. F. C. Mitchell of Webster, W. L. Badger, H. A. Whitman, C. H. Cobb of Poland, A. P. Russell of Leeds, Mrs. John Goss, Miss Emily Ham, Lewiston, have displays of dairy butter.

Mrs. Ansel Briggs has an exhibit of both kinds of cheese.

Superintendent Clark says the show of cattle and poultry is the largest ever held by an Androscoggin County Fair.

At City Hall is a remarkably fine exhibit by the traders, manufacturers and mills, together with displays of curiosities, fruit, vegetables, also a fine art gallery and a very extensive display of fancy needle work.

The display of manufactures comprise exhibits of the Bates Mills, the Androscoggin Mills, the Farwell Mills, the Continental, Lewiston Bleachery and Dye Works and the Hill Mills. The Bates Mill displays an interesting variety of its ginghams. The ladies are interested in the spring styles of 1888 that are to be seen among them. The Androscoggin seersuckers are of interest in connection with the displays of the mills. The customary show of white goods is made.

Elegant blankets are those of the Norway Plains Manufacturing Company of Rochester, N. H. One pair of blankets made of pure Prussian wool weighs sixteen pounds and costs you $35. This company makes the finest blankets in the country. They occupy only one case, which is hardly large enough for the novelties they are able to exhibit. The superintendent is E. S. Moore. They make a handsome thing in blanket wraps for ladies' morning wear.

Following are the premiums:

Cattle.

For town teams. Oxen, H. B. Bartlett of Lewiston, 1st; A. G. Thurlow of Poland, 8 yokes, 2d. Steers, three years old, F. H. Deering of Webster, 6 yokes, 1st. Steers, two years old, C. H. Cobb of Poland, 6 yokes, 1st.

Best 2-year-old steers, Davis Maxwell, Wales, 1 pair, 1st; F. S. French, Turner, 1 pair, 2d. Best 3-year-old steers, J. F. Jordan, Webster, 1 pair, 1st; J. E. Weymouth of Greene 1 pr., 2d; Wm. H. Steward of Lewiston, 2prs., 1st; best steer calves, Wendall E. Maxwell, 1pr., 1st.

Matched oxen—C H Haley, Lewiston, 1st; J H Jordan, Webster, 2d; F B Jeffry, Lewiston, 3d. Matched steers, three years old, Davis Maxwell, Wales, 1st; F S French, Turner, 2d. Two years old, S Cushman, Lisbon, 1st; J G Jordan, Webster, 2d; S Cushman, Lisbon, 3d. One year old, J T Jordan, Webster, 1st; S Cushman, Lisbon, 2d. Working oxen, R R Stewart, Lewiston, 1st; F B Jeffrey, Lewiston, 2d; Town of Poland 3d. Drawing Matched oxen, 7 feet, 4 inches and upward, F S French, Turner, 1st; H B Bartlett, Lewiston, 2d; R R Stewart, Lewiston, 3d. Over 6 feet, 10 inches, and under 7 feet 4 inches, A G Thurlow, Poland, 1st; R M Clark, Wales, 2d; Town of Poland, 3d. Under 6 feet 10 inches, Geo H Jones, Webster, 1st. Drawing matched steers 3 years old, J S Weymouth, Greene, 1st; F S French, Turner, 2d. Two years old, Sylvanus Cushman, Lisbon, 1st; do 2d. One year old, J F Jordan, Webster, 1st; Sylvanus Cushman, Lisbon, 2d.

Bulls and herds, Holstein bulls, thoroughbred, of any age, I T Carville, Lewiston, 1st, 4 years old; do 1 year old, 1st; do 9 months old, 1st; J S Sanborn, Poland, 6 months old, 2d; do two years old, 2d. Shorthorn bull of any age, thoroughbred, Fred P Spofford, Greene, bull 1 year old, 1st. Hereford bull of any age, thoroughbred, Geo E Jones, Webster, bull 2 years old, 1st. Jersey bull of any age, thoroughbred, Horace Goff, Auburn, 2 years old, 1st; A A Young, Auburn, 2 years old, 2d; W C Whitman, Turner, 3 years old, 1st; L L Haskell, Lewiston, 1 year old, 1st. Grade Holstein bull, I T Carville, Lewiston, calf, 1st; do, calf 2d; Pulsifer & Co., Auburn, calf, 7 mos old, 3d; C H Cobb, Poland, bull, two years old, 1st; grade Durhams, A E Jackson, Lewiston, bull, 23 months, old 1st; grade Hereford bull, 3 years old, 1st.

Cows, heifers and calves—Shorthorn grade, Wm Ellsworth of Greene, 1st; stock cows, J S Sanborn of Poland, 1st; I T Carville of Lewiston, 2d; milch cows, I T Carville of Lewiston, 1st; J T Sanborn of Poland, 2d; heifers, 3 years old, I T Carville, Lewiston, 1st; heifers, 2 years old, I T Carville, Lewiston, 1st; heifers, 1 year old, J S Sanborn, Poland, 1st; I T Carville, Lewiston, 2d; calves, I T Carville, 1st and 2d. Jersey cows and heifers, thoroughbred, cows, W C Whitman, Turner, 1st and 2d; heifers, 3 years, Richard R Parsons, Lewiston, 1st; heifers, 2 years, W C Whitman, Turner, 1st; heifers, 1 year, W C Whitman, Turner, 1st; calves, W C Whitman, 1st and 2d; grade Jerseys, cows and heifers, heifers, 2 years, W C Whitman, 1st; heifers, 1 year, E A Ham, Wales, 1st; S M Libby, Lewiston, 2d; calves, W C Whitman, 1st. Grade Hereford cows and heifers, heifers 3 years, C H Cobb, Poland, 1st; heifers, 2 years, Pulsifer & Co., Auburn, 1st; C H Cobb, Poland, 2d. Calves, Geo H Jones, Webster, 1st; Nelson Ham, Lewiston, 2d. Stock cows with progeny, J S Sanborn, 1st on Holsteins; I T Carville, 2d. H B Bartlett, Lewiston, 1st on grade Holsteins; Nelson Ham, 2d on grade Jersey; Geo Bonnallie, Lewiston, 1st on grade Ayershire.

Farm stock—I T Carville, Lewiston, 1st; J S Sanborn, 2d; C H Cobb, Poland, 3d.

Beef awards—J H Jordan, Webster, 1st; J S Garcelon, Lewiston, 2d; C H Haley, Lewiston, 3d.

Sheep.

Thoroughbred buck—Pulsifer & Co., Auburn, buck, 4 years old, 1st. Sheep grades, George E Fogg, Greene, buck Southdown, 3 years, 1st. Geo E Fogg, Greene, 6 sheep, Southdowns, 1st; also 1st on 6 lambs. Buck grade, I C Merrill, buck, Southdown and Cotswold, 2 years, 2d.

Swine.

Grade boar—S M Libby, Lewiston, 1 boar-grade Chester, 9 months, 1st. Breeding sows, thoroughbred, C H Haley, Lewiston, 1st; C H Weymouth, Lewiston, 2d; C H Cobb, Poland, 1st, breeding sows, Berkshire. Breeding sows, grades, Henry Johnson, Turner, 1st on grade breeding sow. For best litters of sucking pigs not less than six weeks' old, Chester pigs, C H Haley, Lewiston, 1st on thoroughbred; C H Cobb, Poland, 2d on grades; S M Libby, Lewiston, 3d on grades; Henry Johnson, 1st on grades; C H Weymouth, 2d on thoroughbreds.

Dairy Products.

Butter and cheese—Butter, dairy, Mrs Sarah Howe, Greene, 1st on 10 or more lbs; A P Russell, Leeds, 2d on 24 lbs.; Mrs F B Mitchell, Webster, 3d on display of 10 lbs. Cheese, Mrs Ansel Briggs, Auburn, 2d on plain, also 2d on sage. Mrs Henry Johnson, Turner, 1st on plain, Mrs John L Howe, Greene, 1st on plain.

Note—The committee report that the display of W L Badger of Lewiston lacked in quantity but not in quality.

Grange Awards.

Auburn Grange, No 4, 1st, and Lewiston Grange, No 2, 2d. A L Dennison of Portland, and Alonzo Libby of Saccarappa, were the committee on this department. They make, by way of note especial mention of the large and varied individual exhibit of I T Waterman, and think him entitled to much credit for said exhibition.

Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Buxton and Hollis Society.

The twelfth exhibition of the Buxton and Hollis Agricultural Society opened at Buxton Tuesday morning, Oct. 5, very successfully. The towns of Buxton, Hollis, Waterborough and Dayton comprise the area of this exhibition and it receives the cordial support of the many good farmers of that fine farming section.

In the town teams Buxton competes with the combined towns of Hollis, Waterborough and Dayton. There were thirty-four yoke in each string. The prize was awarded to Buxton, the cattle in that string being far superior, and pronounced by many good judges the best bunch of cattle ever seen in any fair.

The exhibit of horses and colts was unusually large, and the same may be said of cows and heifers. The largest herds were shown by Ralph Kay and Silas Elden.

The best display of registered stock was from Pine Park Farm, Groveville, the property of William C. Webster, of Portland. Mr. Webster makes a specialty of Holstein-Frsians, of which he has an extensive herd, largely imported. He has also a few superior Jerseys.

Wertsball, a two-year-old bull, No. 4151, and Tryntie Lee 2d, No. 3257, of the Holstein-Fresian registry, were fine specimens of this grand breed.

The Jersey bull Galtimore, No. 12467 A. J. C. C. stands at the head of the Pine Park herd of Jerseys and is without a rival in this section.

Some good poultry was shown by John Milliken, F. J. Leavitt, S. Libby, and J. B. Fenderson. Mr. Fenderson showed a fine coop of White Plymouth Rocks.

S. W. Scribner showed a yoke of fat cattle that are hard to beat, either as fat or matched cattle. A. Eaton's four year old Swiss steers were worthy of especial mention.

Of the exhibit of farm crops we make the following notes: Fruit very light; potatoes small and few in the hill; corn, extra fine; the many traces all showing big well filled ears and fully ripened kernel; garden truck good. A notable feature of the show was the large display of everything that grows on vines, the display of squashes, etc., being magnificent. This has been a great year for vines.

A. B. Seavey of Saco made his usual full display of pianos, organs and sewing machines.

S. Meserve & Sons of Bar Mills have a room on the first floor where they show a line of the Portland Stove Company's stoves and ranges; also an assortment of oil stoves, tin and hardware; they also advertise a line of boots, shoes, dry and fancy goods, etc.

Premiums Awarded.

Oxen and steers, best matched—Seth Meserve, 1st. General use, Seth Meserve, 1st. Best four ox team, A K P Lord, 1st. Fat, S W Scribner, 1st. Trained steers, E E Abbott, 1st and 2d. Trained calves, Lester Taylor, 1st. Matched steers, 3 years old, A E Abbott, 1st; F A Emery, 2d. Matched steers, 2 years old, Moses Burnham, 1st; F A Emery, 2d. Matched steers, 1 year old, F A Emery, 1st; Moses Burnham, 2d.

Bulls, Jersey—Ralph Kay, 1st; Wm C Webster, gratuity; Silas Elden, gratuity. Holstein, Wm C Webster, 1st.

Cows, heifers and calves—best herd cows, C S D Nichols, 1st; Ralph Kay 2d. Holstein cow, W C Webster, 1st; E W Day, 2d. Heifer, 3 years old, John W Haynes, 1st; Ralph Kay, 2d. Heifer, 2 years, Ralph Kay, 1st; Mrs James Fennell, 2d. Heifer, 1 year old, J F Leavitt, 1st; B B Blithen, 2d. Calf, John Meserve, 1st; Silas Elden, 2d.

Sheep, best flock—S Libby, 1st. Buck, A L Berry, 1st.

Fowl, turkeys—S Libby, 1st. Plymouth Rock, Daniel Deanett, 1st. White Plymouth Rock, J B Fenderson, 1st. White Leghorn, John Milliken, 1st. Wyandotte, F J Leavitt, 1st. White Crested Polish, F J Leavitt, 1st. Dark Brahma, J B Fenderson, 1st. Brown Leghorn, J B Fenderson, 1st.

Waldo County Fair.

The annual Cattle Show and Fair of the Waldo County Agricultural Society was held in Belfast Tuesday and Wednesday, of last week, and was an unusually good one, nearly every department making a good exhibit.

The show of cattle was not as large as last year, as the signs of rain in the morning hindered some parties who intended to exhibit from bringing in their herds. There were some excellent cattle on the ground, however, also a small show of sheep and swine, and a small but fine show of poultry of several varieties.

The show of farm produce was a very fine one, probably the best at this fair for several years. The following were some of the principal exhibitors in this department: A. S. Redman, Belfast, F. A. Gray, Morrill, S. T. Edgecomb, Belfast, O. F. Allenwood, Belmont, Franklin Wentworth, Waldo, F. C. Wood, Northport, V. B. Paul, Morrill, C. I. Whitcomb, Waldo, Isaac Jackson, Belfast, W. B. White, Belfast, S. A. Payson, Belfast, Daniel Weymouth, Morrill. Most of the foregoing exhibited a variety of vegetables, etc. Some of the potatoes were unusually large and handsome, and there were many fine samples of turnips, carrots, squashes, pumpkins, etc. Isaac Jackson exhibited a pumpkin weighing 82 pounds, and another one 53 pounds. M. C. Hill, Northport, exhibited several young apple trees of different varieties, being something new as an exhibit at a fair.

The fruit show was a good one, especially of apples. V. B. Paul, Morrill, had 28 varieties of apples. Fred Rackliff, Lincolnville, several varieties of apples, also some nice pears. D. A. Wadlin, Northport, made a good show of apples, as did S. A. Payson, F. A. Gray and C. A. Piper. There were two or three fine lots of cranberries.

In the upper hall there was a large and excellent display of the handiwork of the ladies. J. F. Gerrity & Co., of Bangor, also made a fine exhibit in this hall of their crayon, India ink and water color portraits. Among the portraits were those of Hon. John B. Redman of Ellsworth, Hon. A. W. Rich, of Brooks, and Hon. J. C. Nickels of Searsport. There was a great variety of quilts, rugs, carriage robes, sofa pillows, lamp mats, worsted work, etc., many of them being very handsome, and showing a great amount of skill on the part of the ladies who did the work. Among the many lady exhibitors were the following: Mrs. G. W. Cottrell, Belfast, several pieces very fine work; Miss Julia Brown, Belfast, elegant carriage robe, and two beautifully worked banners; Mrs. James H. Cunningham, Belfast, nice rugs, mittens and hose; Mrs. A. G. Hunt, Belfast, four handsome rugs, the making of which required a great amount of work and much skill; Mrs. E. P. Brown, Belfast, sofa pillow and quilt; Mrs. Lovey Miller, Lincolnville, silk quilt; Mrs. Fred Rackliff, Lincolnville, paintings on toadstools, also a nice oil painting, and some fine worsted work; Mrs. G. G. Abbott and Miss Desiah Abbott, Northport, oil paintings, also by the former lady a show-case of splendid looking cake and bread; Mrs. Carrie I. Pearson, Morrill, many specimens of fancy work including some finely executed Kensington work; Mrs. F. C. Wood, Northport, sofa pillows, etc.; Equity Grange, a large and fine exhibit of quilts, rag carpeting, etc.; Mary C. Payson, sofa pillow; Mrs. Martha I. Shibles, Belfast, crazy quilt; Mrs. Lottie B. Ellis, Belfast, nice crotchet work. There were two nice rugs made by a lady 88 years old, name not given, and two calico quilts made by Mr. F. V. Patterson, Belfast.

The show of butter and cheese was small but good. Mrs. D. A. Wadlin made a fine display of the former, as usual, the butter being worked into various forms, including fruit and flower pieces. Mrs. S. B. Coleman, Lincolnville, and Mrs. J. Ellis, Brooks, exhibited nice butter, and Mrs. S. A. Payson a fine cheese.

The Races.

There were two good races Tuesday, several good horses being entered and some quite fast time made. As the races for two and four year olds did not fill, a special race was got up, the following horses being entered: G. J. Shaw ns. ch. s. Troutbrook; Geo. O. Bailey ns. b. m. Kitty B.; Isaac Park ns. bl. g. Baby Boy. Troutbrook won in three straight heats, Kitty B. second each heat. Time, 2.47, 2.42, 2.42.

The 2.40 race was a close and exciting one. The following horses were entered: H. E. Haley ns bl. s. Gen. Hancock; G. O. Bailey, ns. b. m. Kitty C.; Dr. J. A. Pierce, ns. b. g. James A.; J. A. K. Hilton ns. g. m. Silver Queen; C. G. Andrews ns. b. s. Naumkeag. The first heat was won by Gen. Hancock, Kitty C. a good second. The second heat was declared a dead one. The third heat was won by Kitty C., she coming in a neck ahead of Gen. Hancock. After this heat the driver of the latter horse drew him without giving any good reason for doing so. The fourth heat was won by Kittie C. James A. came in second, but was set back for running. The fifth heat Kitty C. came in ahead but it was declared no heat, it being considered that James A. was unfairly driven, thus giving Kitty C. the lead. It being too dark to finish the race it was postponed until Wednesday. The latter afternoon there was some fine trotting. Naumkeag won the sixth heat, Kitty C. a good second and Silver Queen distanced for foul driving. The seventh and last heat Kitty C. won, Naumkeag second, James A. not in, having been ruled out for not winning a heat in five. The first money, $50, was taken by Kitty C., second, $30, by Naumkeag, and third, $20, by James A. The best time in this race was the second (dead) heat, 2.36½.

The trustees and officers of the society have reason to feel proud of the successful exhibition at this year's fair, and they are entitled to much credit for their labors in its behalf.

The Litchfield Fair.

The Fair at the Plains on the 5th was one of the best ever held by the Society. E. P. and A. C. True's herd of Jerseys attracted great attention. Their American Cattle Club bull, "Granger Lang," winner of the first honors at Bangor and the second at Lewiston. Also two bull calves, eleven months old, sired by him, were very choice animals. They received the first and second prizes on these calves at the State fair.

In the horse department were shown some fine animals. The stallion Farrow Knox, owned by William F. Merriman, Litchfield Plains, showed fine style and action, and some colts on exhibition sired by him, gave ample evidence of his power to transmit his good qualities. Wm. Wyman made a good show of brood mares and colts. Charles F. Frost showed a fine stallion, two years old, sired by Telephone Knox, standing fifteen hands and weighing nine hundred pounds.

The sheep department contained some fine animals. Geo. Plimpton exhibited some nice animals of the Shropshire breed. One other lot deserve special mention—their owner not entering them we are unable to give his name.

The poultry show was unusually large and fine. The largest exhibitor is Henry S. Lombard, who has seven coops on exhibition, containing birds of the best strains of White Plymouth Rock, White Wyandotte and Standard Wyandotte. Also some fine birds by Michael Burns of Gardiner.

The vegetable department was exceedingly well filled. James H. Bowie exhibited specimens of mammoth pumpkins, two of them grown on one vine, the largest weighing 98 pounds. A handsome basket of ruta baga turnips are shown by R. J. Campbell. Fine samples of corn were shown by O. Smith, J. E. Edgecomb, J. H. Bowie, Wm. Lyle, O. Preble, and others.

The ladies' department was well filled. Quilts by Miss Fannie True, Miss Alice French and Mrs. J. A. Chase. A knit door mat by Miss Nettie True, was very nice. Rag carpeting, woven by Mrs. N. N. Varney, was a fine specimen of work. A Swiss clock done in scroll work by Walter E. Springer, was an elegant piece of work, also a scroll picture frame by Willie S. Springer. Mrs. O. Smith presented some very nice fancy work. A case of butterflies and bugs nicely arranged by Mrs. Mary E. Merrill, attracted much attention. Fine paintings in oil and water colors were shown by Mrs. F. A. Springer, which reflect great credit upon the artist. A silk quilt by the same lady, was a beauty. A bouquet of seventeen varieties of wild grasses by Mrs. William Merriman, is worthy of special mention.

The fruit display was of fine quality. Some of the largest exhibitors are John Purington, seventeen of apples, one of pears and one of grapes; G. Roberts, Jr., nineteen of apples; P. Keyes, nine of apples; D. Blanchard, nine of apples; George A. Emerson, eleven of apples; E. P. & A. C. True, fifteen of apples; E. N. Pinkham, ten of apples and six of pears; Lorenzo Metcalf, seven of apples, two of pears and five of grapes, among the latter being some well ripened specimens of Brighton, Princess and other varieties of merit; Wm. Merriman, eight of apples and five of pears, among the latter being a seedling originated by him that bids fair to be a valuable acquisition to the really good pears. Following are among the preferences:

Stallions—W F Merriman, 1st. Colts, Wm Wyman 1st and 2d on suckers; 1 year old, Wm Wyman, 1st; W S Snow, 2d; 2 years old, C F Frost 1st, Job F Morrill 2d, C F Hall 3d; 3 years old, W S Snow 1st, E Morrill 2d; 4 years old, W Wyman, 1st. Brood mare, W Wyman 1st.

Best pair of oxen, Emery Metcalf 1st; Isaac Baker 2d; beef oxen, Emery Metcalf, 1st, Isaac Baker 2d, Lorenzo Metcalf 3d. Jersey bulls, E P & A C True 1st; 1st and 2d on bull calves to same. Steers, 1 year old, C A Edgecomb 1st; 2 years old, B F Colby 1st, W R Godfrey 2d; 3 years old, C A Edgecomb 1st, G H Berry 2d, M Adams, 3d. Draft oxen, 7 feet and upwards; the committee were undecided which to award the first preference, and make special mention of A Peacock and Emery Metcalf, 5 feet 6 inch oxen, C A Edgecomb 1st; B F Colby 2d, M W Adams 2d.

Butter—Mrs B W Berry 1st, Mrs Wm Springer 2d, Mrs E Gould 3d. Cheese, Mrs F H Springer, 1st. Crabapple jelly, Mrs O Smith 1st, Mrs M S H Rogers 2d; Mrs G Smith 1st on strawberry, raspberry, currant and blackberry preserves.

Poultry—Best exhibition, H S Lombard; White Plymouth Rock, 1st on pen and 1st on trio, H S Lombard; White Wyandotte, ditto; Brown Leghorn, G W Edgecomb 1st; Plymouth Rock, W E Robinson 1st; Standard Wyandotte, 1st on breeding pen, same on trio; turkeys, G W Edgecomb 1st. Michael Burns of Gardiner exhibited six coops, containing choice birds of the best strains of White Plymouth Rock, White Wyandotte, Standard Wyandotte, white faced Black Spanish, etc., of which the committee make special mention.

Vegetables—Mammoth squash, G W Edgecomb 1st; yellow squash, John Purington 1st; Hubbard, W F Adams 1st; M S H Rogers 2d; mammoth Chili, S H Bowie, 1st; Boston Marrow, Jos K True 1st, A L Small 2d; mammoth pumpkin, J H Bowie 1st; yellow pumpkin, S G Nutting 1st; M S H Rogers 2d, John Purington 3d; citron, G W Edgecomb 1st; turnip, egg, G W Edgecomb, 1st; Rutabaga, R J Campbell 1st, P Keyes 2d; blood turnip beet, R J Campbell 1st, Mrs E Gould 2d; carrots, P Keyes 1st, Mrs E Gould 2d; onions, G W Edgecomb 1st; potatoes, Hebron, G H Palmer, 1st; Early Sunrise, E Shorey 1st; Clark's No 1, W Maxwell 1st, G H Palmer 2d; cabbage, D M Webber 1st; parsnip, E P & A C True 1st; sunflowers, W E Robinson 1st, Eugene and Elmer Purington 2d; corn, J E Edgecomb 1st, J H Bowie 2d, 8 rowed; O Preble 1st, 12 rowed; pop corn, rice, G Roberts Jr, 1st; Tom Thumb, E P Springer 1st, Wm Lyle 2d; Yellow Dent, Eli Merriman 1st; sweet, D Blanchard 1st, J H Bowie 2d, G Roberts, Jr, 3d; oats, Wm Lyle 1st.

Apples—Porter, M S H Rogers 1st, G Roberts, Jr 2d, S G Nutting 3d; Bellflower, Lorenzo Metcalf 1st, G Roberts Jr 2d, E P & A C True 3d; Gravenstein, J H Bowie 1st, D Blanchard 2d; Spice Sweet, Geo A Emerson 1st; Twenty ounce, Jessie T True 1st, Lorenzo Metcalf 2d, Geo A Emerson 3d; Winthrop Greening, J T True 1st, Geo A Emerson 2d, E P & A C True 3d; Pumpkin Sweet, Lorenzo Metcalf 1st, G A Emerson 2d; Northern Spy, W F Merriman 1st, L Metcalf 2d, G Roberts, Jr, 3d; Hubbardston, E Shorey 1st, O Smith 2d, Wm Lyle 3d; R I Greening, Jessie T True 1st, D Blanchard 2d, M S H Rogers 3d; Baldwin, E N Pinkham 1st, G Smith 2d, W F Merriman 3d; Black Oxford, J T True 1st, D T Smith 2d, E P & A C True 3d; King, G Roberts 1st, P Keyes 2d, D Blanchard 3d; Blue Pearmain, G H Palmer 1st, M S H Rogers 2d; Nodhead, G H Palmer 1st, G Roberts 2d, D Blanchard 3d; Harvey Greening, J E Edgecomb 1st, M S H Rogers 2d, E P & A C True 3d; Fameuse, G Roberts, Jr, 1st; Roxbury Russet, P Keyes 1st, Wm Lyle 2d, G A Emerson 3d; Tolman Sweets, E Shorey 1st.

Pears—Vicar, J W Tucker 1st, J Purington 2d; Lawrence, J W Tucker 1st, W F Merriman 2d; Bonne Jersey, J W Tucker 1st, ditto, Belle Lucrative; Flemish Beauty, W F Merriman 1st; Keiffer, H N Jordan 1st; Nickerson, L Metcalf 1st, ditto Beurre Hardy; Duchess, W F Merriman 1st, J W Tucker 2d.

Grapes—Delaware, L Metcalf 1st, H N Jordan 2d; Concord, L Metcalf 1st; Muscadine, D Blanchard 1st; Sage, L Metcalf 1st; St Lawrence, J Purington 1st.

Notes and Queries.

E. H. Parkman of Sebec, wintered twelve sheep, which he says has paid him $6.37 per head in wool and lambs, amounting to $76.44, and he has the original number, (twelve) left for another year's profit. These sheep are Southdowns, and he says it pays to keep good sheep every time.

Sebec, Sept. 26. A SUBSCRIBER.

I claim the name of Volunteer for my Holstein bull calf, dropped March 20th, 1887; black and white, girths 6 feet, weight, 700; the prize winner at the York County Cattle Show recently. Hay mows and silos full. Cellar empty, instead of 200 bushels, our usual crop; we count our potatoes in 10 cotton seed bags. Many fields will not be dug. This seems to be the state of things all over the country, and the question is, what are we to do for seed next spring? Query: Was it the warm, wet weather, or Paris green, or phosphates? A question it would be well for the Grangers to discuss the coming winter. Onions small; other truck good; apples a total failure in some orchards, others have a few.

Biddeford, Oct. 5. JOSIAH MCINTIRE.

Mr. John Griffin of Brunswick, has a Durham calf, mottled red, six months old, that girths 4 feet, 9 inches. Mr. Griffin would like a mate for him, or would sell. We were glad one day last week, to receive a pleasant call from Mr. Griffin.

Some of our farmers complain that their orchards were so thoroughly divested of blossom buds by the partridges last winter that their apple trees yield no fruit. The foxes have been plenty this summer, and are thinning off these pests to the orchardist, and the farmers consider reynard a friend if he does not meddle with their poultry. One farmer tells me that the boys gathered nearly two hundred partridge eggs in his wood lot last spring, and thinks the sporting men will not find much inducement to tramp his wood land this fall, therefore does not fear forest fires. Only one farmer tells me he shall harvest a good crop of potatoes this fall. He spread and plowed under his barn dressing, and scattered a liberal quantity of phosphate in the furrows.

Brunswick. M.

Reported for the Maine Farmer.

Preamble and Resolutions

Passed by Pomona Grange of Kennebec county at their September meeting held at Clinton: While the Grange is not a meddler with politics as represented by parties, it *is* its purpose to actively set forth the principles of truth and justice. Whatever is linked with man's best nature and touches his highest good, is a question of living importance with us, and one upon which we claim a right to be heard.

Intemperance is the great sin of and against, society. The sun shines every morning on the lifeless forms of those slain during the shadows of the preceding night, by its engines of evil. The wail of wives for husbands slain, of mothers for sons in bondage, of children made orphans; of human souls in the agony of despair; of suffering, half naked, degraded, burdened, men and women, is rising up continually as a witness against this enemy of our homes, our happiness and our civilization. The spirit of this enemy has been shown again and again in the murder of those who have opposed its ravages, in arson, as seen, we think, in the fire of the night of Sept. 12th, in which, not only was property destroyed, but the lives of innocent children with the mother, were put in terrible danger; and in a disregard for the choicest treasures and most precious rights of our families and society.

In view of these facts, be it resolved by Pomona Grange, in council assembled at Clinton, Sept. 15th, 1887:

1st. That we extend our sympathy to our brother, the Master of Clinton Grange, G. S. Stevenson, and to his family, in the loss they have sustained by the burning of their home, on the night of the 12th inst.

2d. We will heartily support and cooperate with him in public and private, in all righteous efforts to suppress the liquor traffic in our county.

3d. We do also endorse the efforts made by our Governor and those associated with him, to enforce the provisions of our State Constitution in relation to the liquor traffic. And we pledge him our heartiest support in this work.

4th. We take this opportunity to declare ourselves, as a body, in favor of the rigid enforcement of all laws, which do not trench upon the conscience of the individual, the proper remedy, when one is needed, and the only one consistent with a proper regard for the prosperity and safety of society, being found in the right of repeal.

These resolutions were passed before the confession implicating the tramps was made. However, as tramps are the fruit of the liquor traffic, there seems to be no need of modifying these resolutions. A tree which bears such fruit, should be destroyed branch and root.

The resolutions were delayed because of the discovery of the incendiaries, and the uncertainty connected with the whole affair.

J. S. THOMPSON, }
W. H. KEITH, } *Committee.*
O. O. CROSBY, }

Reported for the Maine Farmer.

Sagadahoc Pomona.

The September session was with West Bath Grange, Wednesday, the 28th. The hall was filled to repletion, and a most enjoyable session.

The forenoon session was devoted to reports of Granges and conferring the fifth degree in form, only a few minor points were omitted, and at the next session it is proposed to put in this, and confer the degree in the fulness thereof.

The long, well loaded tables in the cosy dining hall never looked more tempting, or had a more appreciative attendance. Three times the board was swept, and three times the patrons rallied to the charge, but the supply was equal to the demand, and all retired feeling they had enough for one day.

In the afternoon the regular programme was carried out. The committee on programme reported the next meeting to be with Progressive Grange, at Richmond Corner, October 26th. For the forenoon, reports of Granges and conferring the 5th degree in full form. Subject for discussion, "Resolved that labor saving machinery is cheaper than hired help." Sisters' question, "What is woman's share in the business of life?" These subjects are to be opened by able brothers and sisters, and the exercises are interspersed with songs, music, readings, essays and declamations.

The Grange interest in the county seems very good, and the patrons generally are alive and awake. It is probable that our Granges will make their usual fine display at our county fair next week, (Oct. 11—13). Crop reports will form an interesting feature of the next meeting. J. W. L.

Horse Department.

Fradulent Registration and Pedigrees.

During the last session of the legislature of the State of New York, two laws were enacted of great interest to breeders of fine stock, as tending to prevent false registration of animals, and the publishing of fraudulent pedigrees. The first is intended to check fradulent registration of stock as follows:

SEC. 1. The Penal Code is hereby amended by incorporating therein an additional section between sections five hundred and sixty-six and five hundred and sixty-seven, to be numbered "section five hundred and sixty-six A," and to read as follows:

§ 566A. Every person who by any false pretence shall obtain from any club, association, society or company for improving the breed of cattle, horses, sheep, swine or other domestic animals, the registration of any animals in the herd register or other register of any such club, association, society or company or a transfer of any such registration, and every person who shall knowingly give a false pedigree of any animal shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

The second act received a passage May 25th.

SEC. 1. Every owner or agent who may have the custody or control of any stallion, who shall charge a fee for the service of such stallion, shall, before advertising or offering such services to the public, for any fee, reward or compensation, file with the clerk of the county in which such owner or owners or agent resides, or in which such stallion shall be kept for service, a written statement, giving the name, age, pedigree, if known, and if not, that the same is unknown, description, terms and conditions upon which such stallion will serve; upon filing such statement, the county clerk shall issue a certificate or license to the owner or owners or agent having the custody and control of such stallion, that such statement has been filed in his office; the owner or owners or agent of such stallion shall then post a written or printed notice of a copy of the statement so filed with the county clerk, together with the certificate of the clerk, in a conspicuous place in each locality in which said stallion shall be kept for service.

§ 2. Every owner or agent who shall proclaim or publish a false or fraudulent pedigree, or who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of section one of this act, shall forfeit all fees for the services of such stallion, and the person or persons who may have been deceived or defrauded by such false or fraudulent pedigree may sue and recover in any court having jurisdiction, such damages as may be shown to have been sustained by reason of such false representation and fraud.

§ 3. Whenever the owner or agent of any stallion shall have complied with the foregoing provisions of this act, the services of such stallion become a lien on each mare served, together with the foal of such mare from such service in an amount agreed upon between the parties at the time of service, or if no agreement was entered into, then in such amount as specified as service fee of stallion or stallions, in the statement of the owner or agent filed with the county clerk, provided a notice of lien shall be filed within six months after service, in the same manner and place as chattel mortgages are now required by law to be filed. The notice of lien so filed shall be in writing, specifying against whom the claim is, the amount of the same, together with a full description of the property upon which the lien is held. Such lien shall terminate at the end of one year from the date of filing notice thereof, unless within that time an action shall be commenced for the enforcement thereof.

§ 4. The county clerk shall be entitled to receive a fee of ten cents per folio for recording the statement so required to be filed or recorded in pursuance of this act, together with the certificates that the same has been filed.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

The one additional clause needed in Maine, is that requiring stallions for service, three years old and upwards, to stand fifteen hands or over, and weigh not less than one thousand pounds, also that he shall be sound in limb, and descended from healthy sire and dam. This much the public have the right to demand, and in the interest of successful horse breeding nothing else will avail. Having these points assured, the chances of failure are greatly reduced and profit is made certain.

Horses' Names.

The rules of the National Trotting Association require that "every horse shall be named, and the name correctly written in the entry; and after entering or trotting in a public race such name shall not be changed without procuring a record thereof to be made in the office of the Secretary of the National Trotting Association, for which there shall be paid a recording fee of $50." For each violation of this requirement a fine of $100 is imposed, and the horse is placed under suspension until the fine is paid. The object of this rule is to put a stop to the masquerade business. Something of the same kind should be enforced on the running tracks. Unnamed horses should be excluded from the entry list, and the penalty for changing a name should be made five times more severe than it is. If the intentions of the nominator are honest he will preserve from the beginning to the end of its career the name under which his horse was entered in stakes and first ran in public. He certainly will not mislead the public by running the same horse under three or four different names in the same season. All that is needed to wipe out a confused and blinding nomenclature is for the jockey clubs to act with firmness. The good of the turf requires such action, and we hope that there will be no further dallying with a positive evil.

Poultry Department.

Artificial Eggs.

We were somewhat surprised to find in the columns of the *Farmer* a description of an artificial egg manufactory. We hope none of our readers have become discouraged in their efforts to earn an honest living in the hen business, by the startling discovery that saffron and carrot, with a little albumen, will make eggs that cannot be detected from the genuine article. We fancy that, cooked in any form, our able literary editor would detect the difference, and turn longingly to the natural product of the hen. Saffron and carrot may be good in their places, but as yolk of an egg never. These stories, which are the invention of distorted minds, all seem to have their location in New Jersey. About a year ago this artificial egg story first appeared, and the manufacture of millions was assured, but the formula was not given. Now the story is revamped and enlarged, the formula given, and even the assurance of a chemist that the analysis indicates the same ingredients as in the old-fashioned egg. This carrot and saffron substance may, or might, satisfy if called by its right name, but as an egg never. Egg manufactories, save by old and well established methods, exist only in the vivid imagination of newspaper writers. The hens produce an article satisfactory and strengthening, that will make omelets, scramble or boil, and with these we may rest content. Adulterated milk and bogus butter are to be found, but carroty eggs, that cannot be detected from the genuine, are not yet put upon the market, with shells all formed by hand. New Jersey is a wonderful State and capable of producing almost everything, but we must still look to the hens for the egg supply, and take our saffron and carrot in other forms.

A well known writer says: "The incubator business is as fickle as Wall street quotations. Yesterday a gentleman of West Virginia remarked that he could never get the per cent. of hatch as the manufacturers claim. Another party this spring had his poultry houses, etc., burnt down owing to an over ambitious incubator. Another had complete failure on account of the heating gear getting clogged, but there are a few who at times hit the mark, and cry "Eureka," but at a cost which I fully believe is beyond the profits."

Woman's Department.

Death of Summer.

Summer's dying in the arms of Autumn,
Heir to all her wealth he is come,
And his clear, cold breath
Is fast chilling her to death;
And her death is the death of her nurslings,
All fresh and green growing things.
Cheerful, sunny-hearted Summer is dying,
And the flowers wear out their lives in sighing,
For no longer nourished on her warm breast,
They fade and wither, and die with the rest.
But most of all things in the North
The forest trees her death show forth;
Far surpassing the dress of living green
In the glory of their dying robe's sheen.
As the bright halo gathers about the head
Of the dying hero on his bed,
As all beautiful thoughts and feelings are blent
In contemplating the end of a life well spent,
So fond Nature, howso'er much she grieves
Infuses all beauty into the dying leaves,
And its immortal radiance, reflecting is cast
O'er all Summer's features, and her brightest smile
is her last.
—*Dell Bay.*

A Few Thoughts.

If the kind editor would think my few thoughts worthy of a short space in the woman's column, as I have never attempted to write before, I thought I should like to thank them all for their words of cheer. I think it would do me good to look into your dear faces, although it is very pleasant to read your kind words. "Old Mother's" hearty, cheerful and appreciative letters, how we all do find in them so many useful and kind words. How pleasing the thought to have friends so true that in honesty of heart they claim us as friends. I sincerely wish all the contributors to this column could visit "Old Mother" at her home, where old and young are alike very pleasantly entertained; her two youngest sons being at home, and nice, steady young men they are; one of them is teaching his second term of school in our district. Twenty-one years ago this month I came to live a neighbor to dear "Old Mother;" how often in that time have I seen her offering sympathy to dear ones, ever ready with tokens of love and kindness to those in trouble. Other dear, good neighbors I have, one I think of, living very near me, her very countenance would seem to do any one good; ever kind and cheerful, never speaking ill of any one, and I hope they all will be rewarded for their love and kindness. I get lonely sometimes, although I have a comfortable home, a kind husband and four nice boys, and am mother-in-law to three, making seven in all; they are all very kind to me. Long years ago a dear daughter came to bless our home, and our hearts rejoiced, but in one short year, with sad hearts, we had to lay her lovely form to rest. Oh, how we missed her, but we remember God knows what is best for us, and he will do what is right; only let us remember this, and we shall be comforted. Cold winter is nearing, and we mothers shall have to be looking after our little ones, to have them protected from the cold, yet I hope they will find time to write for this column, for we enjoy reading it very much.

J. M. R.

Five Hundred a Year.

In *Harper's Bazaar* Juliet Corson has a continued article on Family Living on $500 a Year, and it contains from week to week many hints which are suitable for this department. The following we have prepared from one of those articles, and coming from Miss Corson, they will be considered of more value:

Brooms which are hung up keep their first shape better and sweep more evenly than those left standing; if they are dipped in warm water every every day, they will last longer than if left dry. When a broom is worn unevenly, soak it in warm water for half an hour, tie the stalks, if they have broken apart, and trim the bottom even with large sharp scissors. While sweeping keep a pail of warm water near, frequently dip the broom in it and shake off the water, changing it as it becomes soiled. The wet broom wears the carpet less than a dry one, and the dampness keeps the dust from flying.

Do not use soap in cleaning marble mantels, tables, etc., but wash them with ammonia and clean water—enough ammonia to make the water feel smooth.

Wash matting with warm water containing a pint of salt to a gallon of water, and quickly rub with a clean dry cloth.

Ammonia should not be used in the evening, or near a fire, or the bottle left uncorked, because in its way it is dangerous. The fumes should not be breathed, and on no account should a particle of it be swallowed.

When part of a jar of preserves or fruit is likely to spoil, boil the fruit and syrup with an equal quantity of vinegar, and so make sweet pickles.

To keep cheese from drying, wrap it in a cloth wet in sherry or any white wine; when a pineapple, Edam, or other fine cheese is partly scooped out, pour sherry into it to improve the flavor and preserve it.

If milk sours suddenly, drain off the whey and serve the bonny-clabber with brown sugar and nutmeg, very cold, as a breakfast dish, or scald it until the curd sets, and then drain it dry on a cloth laid in a sieve, and season it with salt to make cottage or pot cheese.

The careful use of cooking utensils is an economical item. When they have been used, fill them with water and boil a small lump of soda in them; to clean them thoroughly, boil them with soda in a wash boiler, and do not injure them by scraping or rubbing with any metallic article.

Children at the Table.

"Give me a nice napkin, too," said a little daughter when her mother was distributing fresh napkins on the dining-table. The child's napkin was clean, but not altogether whole, nor of as fine quality as the damask meted out to the elders. The request was complied with, but it set me to thinking, and perhaps may set some other mothers to thinking also. It is very common in many families to give the little one at the table a plain or even cracked mug, cup or glass, while the elder members are using a finer article; the stained saucer or worn plated spoon for oatmeal or berries, when father, mother and elder brothers and sisters have delicate china and silver. I cannot think it the best plan. "But the child will break a glass." True, it may; but the very handling of glass or fragile china is apt to teach the care and gracefulness necessary to good table manners, which the tin or queensware mug will not.

No lessons so affect our after-life, as do those learned at the home table. The study of multitudes of books of etiquette can never give us the ease and grace insensibly acquired in childhood at a well-ordered table. And at that well-ordered table, children, while not unduly brought forward, feel that they, as well as the elder members of the household, have a share in that refinement which desires and brings about dainty table linen, shining cutlery, and perfectly clean china, glass or silver.

If at all practicable let each child have its glass tumbler or goblet, its salt-cellar and napkin every day, and be taught from its earliest admittance to the family table to use each article carefully and gracefully. "Then," as Marion Harland says, "when there is company you will not be mortified by their making looking-glasses of the bowls of their spoons or handling their forks awkwardly * * * Where there is a wide difference between family and company table furniture, there usually exists a corresponding disparity between every day and company manners."

Gentle Mothers.

"My mother dear, my mother dear,
My gentle, gentle mother."

I thought I was singing my boy to sleep with the little ballad, of which the above is the chorus; but the blue eyes opened, and the quiet voice said: "Mamma, you ain't always gentle." In self-justification I replied, "But you know, darling, mamma has to scold when you're naughty."

"Yes'm." The argument dropped; so did the little head upon my bosom. I did not finish the song, nor have I sung it since. Tenderly tucking in the little truth-teller, I reproached myself for deserving his remark, and gently questioned the truth of my answer. Do mothers ever have to scold? Has scolding any legitimate place in the family government? How is the word defined? "Railing with clamor; uttering rebuke in rude and boisterous language." Is this a helpful adjunct to parental authority? Why do Christian parents sometimes scold? For two reasons, it seems to us: First, for lack of self-control; second, from habit. Children are often terribly trying, and loud and angry tones seem a safety-valve for our stirred tempers. Besides, we feel that gentleness alone can never safely steer the family bark over life's troublous sea. Force, firmness, decision, sternness, even severity, are often necessary. A suitable degree of these is not incompatible with gentleness. It is not a synonym for weakness. The gentleness that makes one great comes from subdued strength. This lovely fruit of the spirit proves an element of power. The "soft answer" often costs the answerer dearly. Sweetness of spirit is the outgrowth of self-control. Serenity of soul, whatever be the constitutional characteristics, comes most frequently from long self-discipline and prayerful struggle.

FISH BALLS. One cup of fish, two of mashed potatoes, one egg, salt and pepper to taste, small piece of butter. Mould into balls, fry in hot lard.

MUTTON CHOPS. Season with salt and pepper, cover closely, and fry five minutes, turning once. Then dip in beaten egg, then in cracker or bread crumbs, and fry until tender.

POTATO PUFFS. Stir two cups cold mashed potatoes, into two tablespoons melted butter, beating to a cream. Add two well beaten eggs, one cup of milk, and pour into a deep dish and bake in quick oven.

Dear Marion: I cannot help asking the editor to let me thank you for writing that last piece, "Scandal." I was just writhing in the agonies of a blasted name, only in word, however, and it seemed as though the piece was written expressly for me. Please let us hear from you again on this same subject. LUVIE.

Maine Farmer.

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Collectors' Notices.

MR. C. S. AYER will call upon our subscribers in Lincoln county during October.

MR. I. C. LIBBY of Burnham, our cattle reporter, is authorized to receipt for moneys and receive subscriptions for the paper.

MR. J. W. KELLOGG will call upon our subscribers in Aroostook county during October and November.

MR. E. A. DUTTON will call upon our subscribers in Piscataquis county during October and November.

It makes us shiver to think that they have had their first snow at Manatoba. On Thursday the ground was covered to the depth of three inches.

Charles Luce of Fairfield, who is sixty-two years of age, made the ascent of Green Mountain, Mt. Desert, the other day, on foot, in one hour and a half.

Rockland is a good field for cultivation by the State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, according to the *Free Press*. The city has no local society. Every place of its size certainly needs one.

Frank P. Sharp, Woodstock, N. B., one of the successful orchardists of that section, sold this season from his plum orchard between four and five thousand dollars worth of plums. Who says fruit growing is not profitable?

Hon. Fred Atwood has had a select quality of sugar sweet corn packed at Winterport, Maine, expressly for him for fine trade, which he will sell for the following prices: In lots of 100 cases or more, of 2 dozen cans at $1.30 per doz.; in lots of 5 cases or more, of 2 dozen cans at $1.40 per doz.; in lots of 1 case or more, of 2 dozen cans at $1.50 per doz. Free on board at Winterport.

Messrs. J. C. Houghton & Co., Liverpool, state by cable that there is a less active demand there for American apples. Prices are as follows: Hubbardson, 12 shillings 6 pence to 13 shillings 9 pence; Baldwins, 11 shillings 9 pence to 14 shillings; Greenings, 10 shillings to 11 shillings 3 pence; Kings, 17 shillings to 19 shillings; Northern Spy, 12 shillings 3 pence, to 13 shillings 9 pence; Cranberry Pippins, 14 shillings to 14 shillings 6 pence.

Could the trumpet of war call the dead heroes into line of battle once more, who fought to save the Union and gave up their lives in doing it, that legion of 2000 commissioned officers and 170,000 non-commissioned officers and privates would form a line more than fifty miles long, further than from Dover, N. H., to Portland. If you add to this line of battle those who were killed in the conflict, 5,000 commissioned officers and 90,000 men, there would be enough to form a line along the railroad from Boston to North Berwick.

A great sensation has been created in Bangor by the failure of Jacob Stern, a German, who for several years has been the most prominent dealer there in dry and fancy goods. There are reports of forgeries and other crooked transactions, which have led to the arrest of Mr. Stern. The liabilities are variously estimated from $50,000 to $60,000, and the street reports would put the assets at $15,000 to $25,000. But until the account of stock is finished and the creditors shall have fully investigated the condition of the assets, no trustworthy figures can be given.

The State Fair trustees have been in session the past week. The lists of premiums will be in the hands of the Treasurer by the middle of the month, after which they will be paid rapidly. An important question is the raising of money to buy the grand stand. The *Lewiston Journal* seconds the motion of the *Farmer*, that the money be raised among the public-spirited citizens of the two cities, they to receive their money back from the receipts of the stand. The old note of the Trustees has been taken up. The date of the next Fair has not yet been decided, but the general feeling is in favor of an early date, probably not later than the middle of September, 1888.

The tramp, Frank Conley, known as "Shorty," who was shot about three weeks ago at Carmel by Deputy Sheriff Stevenson, died Sunday morning at the poor farm, being unable to recover from the effects of the wounds then received. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary. The remains will be buried at Carmel unless the relatives of the deceased take them elsewhere. His brother who lives in Providence, R. I., has been telegraphed for. Conley has been well cared for at the poor farm where he has been since the shooting, but the wounds were of too serious a nature to allow of recovery. It is reported that Conley's brother will bring action against Mr. Stevenson for the shooting.

Slate quarries are located at Monson and Brownville, where thriving villages have been largely built up by means of this industry. At Monson there are four quarries, at Brownville two quarries in operation. Nearly 200 men are employed at average wages of $2 per day. The product is an excellent quality of black, unfading roofing slate, slab work for mantles, etc., and the "Paragon Noiseless Slate," rendered "noiseless" by means of a rubber frame. The entire product of these quarries is equivalent to about 37,000 squares annually; a "square" covering 100 feet of surface. One thousand carloads have been sent from Monson during the past year, 40 squares to the car, a portion of this shipment being the product of the year previous. There is a great demand for the slate from the West and South, as well as from the Eastern States. The market price is $5 per square.

On the Kennebec river there will be considerable improvement this fall to ice properties and in new buildings. The Knickerbocker Ice Company have already begun to build at Chelsea, on the "old orchard" lot, a block of three rooms, under a single roof, to hold 16,000 tons. The new Brooklyn Company, have framed a large house at the Randolph steam mill. This company have a number of properties on the Kennebec and Cathance rivers, and on the coast, which it is said, will be put in shape and filled the coming winter. Some of the houses are in a dilapidated condition, and such improvement will add to the value and appearance of the Kennebec. The Haynes & DeWitt Ice Company are doing considerable in the way of improvements to their Iceboro houses, including a new elevator, piers, repairing wharf, etc. The Cochrane & Oler Ice Company, Berry, Haley, Independent and Great Falls Ice Companies are also making the usual fall improvements about their houses.

The Iron Works in Piscataquis county are located 19 miles north of Milo Junction, at the terminus of the Bangor and Katahdin Iron Works Railway. The company has a capital of $60,000. It has produced 4000 tons of a superior quality of charcoal pig iron during each of the past two years. One hundred men are employed during the summer and an additional 200 in winter, in cutting the 12,000 cords of wood required for making coal and other purposes. The employés are paid an average of $1.35 per day, furnace men who work 12 hours every day in the week, receiving a little more. A large proportion of the men are Swedes. The iron produced is used for special purposes, such as car wheels, etc. The ore yields 50 per cent. of iron, an excess of 5 per cent. over that produced in Alabama, Tennessee and Connecticut, and nearly as much as that of Lake Superior. The market price is from $26 to $28 per ton. One thousand tons of lime rock and 100 tons of manganese from New Brunswick are used annually in melting the ore. Additions are being made to the works which will raise their capacity from 4000 to 7000 tons annually.

Carlton and Victoria Counties Agricultural Exhibition at Woodstock, N. B.

In all the exhibitions, of which any report has been attempted in the *Farmer*, none is more purely an agricultural fair than this. There is wanting all evidence of show, save the exhibiting of the stock, implements and manufactured goods. If there is less attention to classification, there is also less of formality and attempt at display. There is a want of formality about the entire exhibit that is pleasing to the visitor who has been obliged to see so much attention given to useless rules. Another feature that holds the attention of the stranger is the evidence on every hand of genuine cordiality. The hearty welcomes and friendly expressions of rivalry betokened a spirit of fellowship not seen as it should be in the States. The exhibition is held in the suburbs of the busy town of Woodstock. The officers are John Harper, President; B. N. Shaw, 1st Vice President; C. L. Smith, 2d Vice President; J. T. Fletcher, Secretary; C. L. S. Raymond, Treasurer.

The premium list covers the range of pure blood and grade stock, swine and poultry, roots and vegetables, fruits, grain, dairy products and home manufactures, together with manufactured farm implements. The trotting and running races are on a track which is annexed to the grounds proper, and are under separate management. It is of the hall and field exhibit that we would tell our readers in Maine, for in these it excels. We may show our trotting stock with their fine limbs and symmetrical bodies, but we cannot show the larger class of draft stallions, or the number of grades to be seen here. It is here that one finds evidence of the paternal care of the government, which aids not only by generous premiums, but by direct purchase, and loans the breeding of horses of the larger type, for which Maine has always been so dependent upon the provinces. In 1878, through the labors of the Board of Agriculture and its honored Sec'y, Hon. Julius L. Inches of Fredericton, the first importation was made. With orders to purchase, he visited Maine, only to find that none were there to be had, and finally in Illinois he secured what was wanted, and brought in four full blood stallions, which were sold to residents at a nominal sum, under conditions, and kept for service. In 1886 Hon. David McClellan, St. John, Provincial Sec'y, was sent to France, where he personally selected 21 pure bred Clydesdale and Percherons. These are now leased to parties in the several counties for the season, and distributed throughout the Province, care being taken that every county shall have at least one. The Government furnishes a groom with each horse to secure good care. Thus, for two hundred and fifty dollars, a man may hire the entire use of a pure blood stallion for six months, with a man furnished to care for the same. In this way the Government is aiding the breeding of horses, and bringing within the reach of any farmer the use of a stallion weighing sixteen to twenty hundred and with undoubted pedigree. No man, owning a brood mare, so poor that he cannot avail himself of the use of one of these choice animals, and thus breed what otherwise would be impossible. The only rule that should be rigidly adhered to is to use only those mares that are sound. The certainty that blemishes and diseases will be transmitted, is not realized as it should be. When such stallions as these described below can be used at a cost of only eight dollars, there is no excuse for using a part blood or inferior animal. This we understand is the fee fixed by the Government.

The exhibition was to be formerly opened with an address by the Lieut. Gov. of the Province, but on account of illness, the place was filled by the Chief Justice, who in well chosen words set the ball in motion. Hon. Francis Barnes of Houlton, member of the Board of Agriculture from Maine, was the second speaker, and in a pleasing manner extended the kindly greetings of Maine, expressing the good feeling and fellowship, and suggesting the thought of a final change of boundary lines, so that the fertile valley of the St. John would be a part of the territory of the United States. The opening work being accomplished, that of examining the exhibition at once claimed our attention.

It is impossible to enumerate the fourteen hundred entries, and there is not time to do more than call attention to the features of greatest importance to the farming communities. Everything or animal on the grounds is shown and known by number. No name appears, and the awards are supposed to be made without any knowledge of ownership by any member of the committees. Here is a feature that the State and county societies of Maine would do well to examine into, for it is very evident that in many classes, it would relieve judges of the charge of favoritism. Spread on the tables were seventy lots of butter, in firkins, jars, boxes and baskets, yet all seemingly of good quality, and telling a story of thrift and industry on the part of the ladies of New Brunswick.

Thirty lots of seed corn hung suspended from the walls, and some was the best seen this year. The sheaves of wheat and oats were also fine.

Hon. Charles W. Lugrin, the Sec'y of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, exhibited a few stalks of corn grown from seed received from Southern Africa, the stalks measuring over fifteen feet. The ears were large, well formed, and the kernels simply enormous. Although planted late he thinks it will mature, but whether it does or not its value as a superior fodder corn is well established, and it will be more extensively planted next year.

It would do the heart of the Maine farmer good to see the splendid show of potatoes, and the hungry ones would cry for joy at the size and beauty of the tubers. Forty-three baskets were spread out, many being of large size and well filled. Among these were varieties new to us and said to be very prolific. Here is the field for seed to be obtained for next year's planting.

The vegetables are all large and fine, whether of pumpkins, squashes or cabbages, while the Ruta Bagas are the largest we ever saw. Finding one of the owners we sought the method of growing, and received instruction as follows: "After having thoroughly prepared your soil, furrow out well, manure in the drill, and then scatter on a good covering of salt, cover with about three inches of fine earth and sow the seed, and the growth of the crop will fully satisfy you."

The eighty-five bays of grain and grass seed spoke in unmistakable tones of the skill and industry of the farmers, for the quality was fine no matter what the kind. Surely, if such crops as these can be grown in Carlton and Victoria counties, there is no need for the boys to look elsewhere for profitable farming. No better evidence can be produced of good crops, and no greater signs of thrift than were to be seen at this exhibition. The show of fruit was very small and confined mostly to late fall varieties.

In the main building were to be found the handiwork of the ladies, and to examine the long piles of home made gents' wear, whether of drawers, stockings or mittens, took away all dread of the cold of December, for with these there could be no suffering. So also was it with the blankets, the quilts and robes. It was a display to take pride in, and no wonder the ladies hung about the tables. Much of the space was taken by manufacturers of furniture, draperies, etc., many of them local and all choice, but the handiwork of the ladies pleased us most, while on the walls were the specimens of fancy needle work done in all the mysterious stitches which no man can number or understand. Out of doors were the poultry, and it is surprising to see what interest is being taken in poultry breeding everywhere, scattered about in coops of all sizes. Here were the ducks, geese, turkeys, and all the leading varieties of fowl, many being large specimens.

The sheep display was fine, there being 25 Shropshire Downs, 16 South Downs, 24 Cotswolds, and fifty grades. The pure bloods of each breed were large and fine, while the grades, which were the result of using a pure blood buck on native ewes, were large and well formed. Better mutton sheep have not been shown, while the wool on nearly all was fully up to the average of the breeds. The mutton qualities seemed to be those chiefly aimed at by the breeders, and surely the flocks shown would tempt a lover of choice meats. The cattle exhibit was small compared with other features, there being 25 head of Shorthorns, 4 of Ayrshires, 3 of Devons, 30 of Jerseys and 42 Grades, 1 Holstien, and 5 Red Norfolk. These last which sprang from stock imported by Mr. Inches in 1876, were good specimens of the breed, some of them being rare good animals. They are hornless, as large or larger than the Polled Angus, bright red, heavy milkers, yet excellent for beef. The two-year-old bull and heifers where splendid beef animals, while the heifers gave promise of being good milkers.

The stock, save some of the Jerseys, seemed coarse in bone, but this may be because of the different standards rather than of quality. Not a Hereford or grade was to be seen, and for this no one could give a satisfactory reason, for all acknowledged their value as beef cattle. Many of the sheep came from the flocks of Dr. Boutelle and other Maine breeders, as did the best portion of the swine, the Yorkshires.

If anything is wanting in other fields it is more than compensated when we reach the horse stalls. On the streets as well as through the stalls are to be seen the clean limbed, strongly built grade Percherons and Clydesdale, giving ample proof of the wisdom of the Government in aiding the breeding of this class of horses. The show in this class is simply wonderful. When one takes into account the magnificent animals purchased within the past year by the honorable Sec'y for the Government, we doubt if it can be excelled anywhere, for here are the immense sires, Clydesdales, Percherons, the coach horses, trotting stallions, both Hambletonians and Morgans and the thoroughbreds. These, in addition to the stock of the Province, renders this one of the grandest exhibits of horse flesh ever seen in this portion of the country. The draft stock largely predominates, and as that is what Maine needs to-day, it is what we look after the closest.

Aside from the government exhibition, the horses bred on the farms of the counties represented deserve more notice than can be given under the blind system of entering. While there are fine specimens of trotting and running stock, it is in the larger field that the greater number are to be found. Right here at Woodstock the preference is for the Clydesdale, but still many fine Percherons are to be seen. In other portions the latter predominate.

In the class of draft horses were found five pairs, two weighing 2900 each, one 2650, and two 2600. All, except one pair, were grade Percherons, smooth in build, strong in muscular development, and a desirable class of horses.

One pair owned by Judson Gregg, Jacksontown, moved a load of 4 tons ten feet the first pull, and with apparent ease.

Alexander Shaw, Carlisle, N. B., exhibited a bay stallion, Colonel, by Warrior, a Messenger, dam a Clydesdale.

Cyrus Simmons, Bloomfield, gray stallion Norman, by imported Prince, dam by Bright horse. This horse, 7 years old, weighs 1250.

William Wilson, Lakeville, black stallion, Uncas, 4 years old, weighing 1370, by Saladin, dam a Clyde.

Anson Burningham, Lower Wakefield, N. B., chestnut stallion weighing 1265, by Robert Burns, dam by Deerfield.

These four good, stocky horses, were the first to appear for the society's honors. Following these came the brood mares with colts by their side. It will be a good move when the government, now so liberal in offering the services of the choicest bred Percheron and Clydesdale stallions, makes these services conditional on the soundness of the brood mares. Failing here, the objects aimed at of strength and endurance are lost.

The two year old class of geldings and fillies were among the best it has ever been our pleasure to see. While not possessing all the elements desired by trotting horse men, they seemed to have the qualities wanted in the gentleman's driver and family horse.

Among the stock horses on the grounds was one owned by E. S. Gilmore, Glassville, a rich chestnut, Robin Barrister, by Old Barrister, weighing 1700, a fine formed, strong bodied, well made horse.

Henry Hay, Richmond, showed a gray stallion, Prince Vidoc, by imported Prince Imperial. A grade Percheron, 4 years old, weighing 1500, large, strongly built, light moving horse.

E. M. Shaw, Victoria Corner, black stallion, Concentration, by Constellation, dam by Henry Mambrino.

J. M. Kinnear, Sussex, 2 colts by Olympus, fine, clean cut, promising colts.

James Cripps, Centreville, 2-year-old grade Percheron, weighing 1270, by Prince, an imported Percheron, dam by Deerfield Morgan.

J. C. Upham, Grand Falls, gray Percheron stallion, five years old, weighing 1500, by Victor Hugo, imported Percheron, dam by Jeff Davis, by Old Saladin, a strongly built colt.

John O. Leary, Lakeville, pair of chestnuts, 2 years old, weighing 2400, by Island Boy. A fine pair, easy of action, light of foot, and yet with strong, well made limbs.

Wherever we found colts bred from mares tracing to the better class of trotting or thoroughbred stock, and bred to pure blood Percheron or Clydesdale stallions, we were sure to find not only size, but fineness of bone, strength of muscles, and action that would please any one wanting a substantial family horse. Abundant evidence could be seen on every hand of the claim made by the *Farmer*, that the farmers of Maine could make no mistake by breeding their sound, well built mares to pure blood stallions of the larger type. Ample prooff has also been seen here of the uncertainty following the use of grades on grades. We must breed in line else there will not be uniformity.

John Johnston, Columbia Falls, showed one of the best colts, for us, on the grounds, in a rich bay, two years old, with black points, weighing 1300 lbs., by Duke of Wellington, an imported Clydesdale, dam by Jeff Davis. This colt, while large in size, was well proportioned, and her movement would charm every one wanting a family horse. Tracing to old Saladin, she showed the marks of the thoroughbred both in limb and action. With her was a four year old cross bred Hambletonian, and a good one.

James Watson, Jacksonville, showed a 1-year-old black stallion weighing 1034, by a son of Gen. Knox, dam Messenger; also a 2-year-old filly, weighing 1200, same breeding. It was with pride that we claimed the State of Maine as the home of Gen. Knox during his prime, for these two colts were the equal of any. The filly was sold during the fair to Hon. G. F. Hill of St. Stephen, who will use her as a brood mare. The value of Maine horses is seen here in many cases.

W. H. Carville, Lakeville, 2-year-old stallion, Roy, by Blackwood, weighing 1150.

William Monroe, Sussex, 2-year-old grade Clydesdale and Percheron filly, weighing 1360; also Morgan filly, 2 years old, by Telegraph Morgan, both good ones.

Robert Brown, Northampton, 2-year-old filly, grade Percheron, weighing 1080.

This list but partially covers the ground. Many others were equally deserving of mention, but, under the system of tagging, it was simply impossible to get the name or breeding unless one chanced to find the owner at the stalls. Enough were seen to justify all previous conclusions as to the value of the Percheron or Clydesdale grades for our farmers who are not by nature and surroundings able to breed, rear and train trotting stock.

The drain of thousands upon thousands of dollars will be felt by our people until upon the farms of Maine we find growing the grade stock to be seen upon the hills and valleys of New Brunswick. Until that time we must go across the border, where the good seed planted so many years ago by the Hon. Mr. Inches, is now bearing fruit to the profit of the farmers here. The trotting stock is by no means neglected, either by the government or individuals, as the long line of choicely bred horses and colts testified, but the interest of the farmers centres just now about the stalls where are to be found the draft stallions, mares and colts. As the colts appear bred from the magnificent horses imported by the government, this exhibition in Northern New Brunswick will come to be one of the grandest in the whole Province. The full account of these horses and the methods adopted by the government in aiding farmers, is reserved for a future letter.

The large field of farm implements, covering the entire range from the potato digger to the two horse thresher, and including the mowing machines, cultivators, horse-rakes, &c., &c., all, or nearly all, are manufactured in the counties included in this exhibition. Many of these seemed counterparts of those shown in Maine, while others were of heavier make. As a whole the exhibition has been a success. The appropriation by the government is used to foster stock breeding rather than exhibition, and here it may be there is a pointer for our State government. As in Maine, the Board of Agriculture is active in promoting the success of these exhibitions, and the efficient Secretary, Hon. Chas. H. Lugrin, is on the alert to do all in his power to aid the farmers. In this he is ably supported by the Hon. Attorney General who stands behind the sinews of war and speaks for the throne.

The field of competition for special prizes offered by the government was large and contests sharp. Each evening of the Fair entertainments were held in the Town Hall under the auspices of the officers of the Fair. It relieved the weariness for strangers waiting in town, and offered entertainment to all who could secure admission. We had the pleasure, at one of these, of listening to an able and eloquent address by the Hon. Attorney General in favor of commercial union with the States. While not believing in annexation, he declared himself strongly in favor of commercial union, stating that only two classes opposed it, the officials and manufacturers.

The trotting was unsatisfactory because of the small number of horses entered in each class. The condensed summary of the races are as follows:

2.40 CLASS.

Sir Garnet	1	3	1	1
Kit	2	0	4	2
Phil Logan	4	0	3	4
Kitty	3	4	2	3

Time—2.40¾, 2.41, 2.45, 2.44.

FREE FOR ALL.

Sontag	2	1	2	1
Nellie M.	1	3	1	3
Rattler	3	2	3	2
Ironclad	4	4	dr	

Time—2.40, 2.39, 2.38, 2.38.

STALLION RACE.

C R Bill, Billtown, N B, br s Rampart	1	1	1
A L Slipp, Truro, N S, br s Sir Garnet	2	3	3
James Kehoe, St Stephen, N B, g s Rattler	3	2	2

Time—2.43, 2.39, 2.42.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

A L Slipp, Truro, N S, b s Gladstone	1	1	1
W H Nevers, Woodstock, N B, g m Bristol Girl	2	2	2

Time—2.57, 3.00, 3.03.

3.00 CLASS.

J P Burnham, Houlton, Me, b g Edward	2	2	2
Geo W Ross, Fredericton, N B, b m Kit	1	1	1
A L Slipp, Truro, N S, blk m Nellie T	3	3	3

Time—2.46, 2.40, 2.39½.

A stranger in a new country we have been made welcome as the representative of the *Maine Farmer*, the praise of which has been heard on every hand, as a defender of the rights of farmers. We are under obligations to officers and exhibitors for unwearied attentions, without which even this report could not have been made, and especially to the Honorable Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, whose interest in the *Farmer* has been outspoken at all times. With another year's return, and an enlarged exhibition building, there will be seen the impetus which this year's union of Victoria and Carlton counties has given to agriculture in this part of the Province. The special premiums offered by the proprietors of the *Woodstock Press* for the best essay on "Carlton and Victoria Counties as a Home for the Farmer" called out a generous response from the writers in the two counties, the productions being of a high order. Such prizes as these, and the publishing of the essays, must be helpful to the farmers of New Brunswick.

Railroad Horror.

A terrible accident occurred Monday night, near Koutz, Indiana, on the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad. The east bound express which left Chicago that night with a great load of passengers had, without a moment's warning, during a temporary wait, been smashed into from behind by a loaded fast freight plunging madly forward in the dark, hurrying dressed meat to the market of the seaboard. Some part of the machinery of the passenger engine had been thrown out of order during the run from Chicago, and a trifling stop was made at the water tank for repairs. Suddenly out of the darkness came the flash of a headlight, the rush and rattle of many wheels, and then a mighty crash. The sleeping coach was pushed mercilessly forward by the freight and crushed into the cars forward, smashing the comparatively light timbers and making the work of destruction complete. The wreck quickly took fire. The engineer says:

"We passed No. 49 at Boon Grove on time and started toward Koutz. No. 49 pulled out of the station in less than two minutes behind us, when it should have waited much longer. When we were well away from the town we could see her lights a little ways behind. We were not running very fast on account of the breaking of an eccentric strap, and were running with but one pair of wheels, having been forced to disconnect the other pair, which were running loose. Of course the accident held the speed down a little, but I had no idea that the engineer of No. 49 would have any difficulty in keeping off our heels. The last time I looked behind there was ample room between us. We stopped at the Boon Grove water tank and were there almost a minute when they struck us."

The coroner was obliged to go to Huntington, over fifty miles, to obtain statements of witnesses. About the only person willing to tell the details was Dr. W. C. McKee. He reached the wreck shortly after one o'clock in the morning, and immediately began to give his services to the wounded, those badly hurt. When the crash came he said they must have had little chance for their lives so quickly had the cars taken fire, and so thorough was the work of the flames. As an illustration, the doctor said that probably not a soul would have been aware of the all but total wiping out of the Miller family of six, had not their boy been saved.

Dr. McKee stated that only nine bodies have been recovered and they were so badly charred as to be almost beyond recognition, the most left of any being a blackened trunk, and in some cases little beyond a few handfuls of ashes. The nine were, the Miller family of Dundee, father, mother, two brothers, a girl, 14 year old boy Herman, who will probably die, also Dr. Perry of North Judson, Ind., wife, daughter aged 11, and a young Irish lady.

Superintendent Parsons of the Chicago & Atlantic railroad admitted that no flagman was sent back from the passenger train when the stop was made. He thought the accident would have been very ordinary had not the stove in the sleeper upset. That caused the destruction of the sleeper, two coaches and the baggage car, and in the main was doubtless the cause of the great loss of life.

Among the wounded was Joseph McCool of Boston, a bar tender. His injuries are internal and his recovery is possible. He says: "I was in the passenger coach next to the last car in the train. Just before midnight I went into the smoker just ahead and chatted for an hour. I came back to the coach with a young man who sat with me. That's the last I ever expect to see of the poor fellow. Just as I stretched myself to go to sleep, and before I could close my eyes, came an awful crash. I could feel myself being thrown violently toward the top of the car, and became insensible. On my way up I realized that all was confusion; canes, valises, rods and iron lamps were in the air about me. I must have regained consciousness in a very short time; when I awoke all was darkness in the car. Horrible shrieks and piercing wails of agony almost deafened my ears. In the end of the car further from me a stove was overturned and the flames were just starting to spread. The flames leaped up the sides in less time than I can tell it. The gas was burning the whole length of the coach over our heads. I was wedged in between the seats. I watched the fire creep upon me, a terrible sight. In the end of the coach near the fire I could see a lady caught between the seats. The fire slowly crept across the car. She was soon enveloped; then in agony she burned before my eyes. Just across from me I noticed shortly before the accident a father, wife and daughter. I saw them crushed together and burned. Just as the flames were blazing a foot or two away from me, a man pulled me into the aisle and said, 'Come to the window.' He must have mistaken me for some one else. For a moment he looked closely at my face, then dropped me, and hurried through the window with an exclamation of disappointment. I painfully crawled after him in safety."

About twenty-five people were killed and nearly as many injured.

ANNUAL EXCURSION TO AROOSTOOK COUNTY. The Maine Central Railroad Company have arranged for their annual autumnal excursion to the county of Aroostook. The excursion will be made on regular trains, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17th and 18th, at the following rates:

	To Houlton and return.	*To Presque Isle and return.*
From Portland, Brunswick, Bath, Lewiston, Gardiner, Augusta, Monmouth and Winthrop	$7.50	$8.50
From Readfield, Oakland, and Skowhegan,	$7.00	$8.00
From Waterville, Benton and Clinton	$6.75	$7.75
From Burnham and Belfast	$6.50	$7.50
From Pittsfield, Newport and Dexter	$6.00	$7.00
From Bangor, Orono and Oldtown	$5.00	$6.00

And from other stations in the same proportion. This will afford a fine opportunity for all to visit the "garden of Maine," at a very cheap rate, and at a good time of year.

Seward Dill, Esq., and wife, of Phillips, left on Wednesday for their usual winter sojourn in Soquel, California, 80 miles south of San Francisco, where they have spent several seasons with a granddaughter. Mr. Dill is nearly eighty years of age, and possibly may not return to Maine in the spring, as has been his wont. We trust that he may have a pleasant winter, and a happy evening of life. Harry P. Dill, his son, takes charge of Colonel Dill's farm and business in Phillips. Dr. H. C. Reynolds of Livermore Falls, accompanies Col. Dill on his trip to California.

The farmers' institute held at Rangeley last week by the State Board of Agriculture was a complete success throughout. The attendance was good, and a lively interest was manifested. Many courtesies were extended by A. T. Toothaker, Luther Nile, J. A. Burke, Esq., and others, for which the thanks of the members present are tendered.

Coming from so eminent a soldier as Philip A. Sherdian, the remark by him at Philadelphia, "That those who may live to the next centennial will find that arbitration rules the world," has great meaning. He argues from the destructive capacity of warfare that it will soon be found impossible to carry it on.

For beautiful winter flowers try hyacinth bulbs this year, if you never did before. The bulbs sold by Charles K. Partridge, at Partridge's old and reliable drug store under Granite Hall, are unusually fine this fall. Mr. Partridge also has crocus, narcissus, tulips, feexias and other choice bulbs for planting now.

The experiment station at Orono, is now at work upon the feeding value of the different grasses.

The Presidential Party.

The party arrived at Chicago at 9 A. M., Wednesday. There was a large and imposing procession, nearly 30,000 persons being in line. The artillery fired a salute. The President received the demonstrations in a very gracious way, bowing and raising his hat almost constantly as he rode along. When the head of the procession reached the reviewing stand, the President and party reviewed the line. At the conclusion of the parade, Mayor Roche made a speech of welcome, to which the President responded. There was a grand reception at the Palmer House. One hundred thousand people broke down all barriers and rushed at the President, who shook hands right and left till he was red in the face, and his fresh linen collar lay limp above his black Prince Albert coat. Another reception was given the President and wife in the evening at the Columbia Theatre, which was beautifully decorated with over 7,000 roses. The only admission was by ticket. Over 10,000 were issued, each admitting one man and his complement of ladies. Mrs. Cleveland wore a close fitting light blue suit of worsted, India silk, and a bonnet of the same material surmounted by a blue feather. Her hair was rolled back from her forehead, and her bonnet held down by a band of dark red ribbons fastened under her chin. Mr. Cleveland wore his usual suit of black.

Thursday morning, amid the acclaims of the populace, the party left Chicago for Milwaukee, Wis., where they arrived in the afternoon, the whole city turning out to welcome them. Mayor Wallber delivered an address of welcome, to which President Cleveland responded. In describing the attractions of Milwaukee, the President said the citizens might be proud of the fact that in an era of local extravagance the city had the smallest public debt of any city of its population in the country save one. He could express no kinder feeling than that the city might continue, by its splendid advantages of location and sound financial condition, to invite large enterprises, the most important elements of growth and wholesome progress. The President reviewed the parade from the Court House, then was driven to Schlitz park where nearly 15,000 people shook hands with him. Mrs. Cleveland was given a supper at Mrs. Alexander Mitchell's residence. Later she was escorted to the Plankington House to listen to the toasts at a banquet given her husband by the Merchants' Association, at which 350 guests were present, including representatives of all political parties. The President and others of the Association made speeches of welcome, and President Cleveland responded. Postmaster General Vilas followed him. Letters were read and impromptu speeches were made until a late hour. During his stay in Milwaukee, the President visited the Soldiers' Home.

The Presidential party reached Madison, Friday afternoon. The President, Postmaster-General Vilas and Governor Rusk jumped into a carriage, and drove to the grounds where the County Fair was being held and were interested spectators of the trotting race between horses which could not under any circumstances beat 2.40. In the evening Mrs. Vilas gave a dinner to the President. It was a quiet affair. There were twelve or fifteen covers laid. The town was gorgeously arrayed, even telegraph poles being wound with ribbons of red, white and blue; arches on the streets and chinese lanterns, countless as the stars. Many of the finer private residences bore unique and costly designs. The grounds of the Vilas mansion were illuminated by arches, with jets and colored globes, very costly. At night bands were playing, troops were marching, and tin horns tooting.

On Saturday the President and a few friends went fishing. On Sunday the President and Mrs. Cleveland remained at the Vilas mansion, resting all day in preparation for the fatigues of another week's journeying. It was expected that they would go to church, but the threatening sky and chilly weather prevented.

The President's train left Madison at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Several hundred persons cheered loudly as the train moved out. At Lacrosse a salute of 21 guns was fired. The station and principal buildings of the town were decorated. Although the train stopped but twenty minutes, a parade was had. At Portage, Wis., the entire population was at the station. The President and Mrs. Cleveland appeared on the platform. Many had an opportunity to shake the President's hand. At New Lisbon 3000 people were in waiting, and the time was fully taken up in shaking hands. Mrs. Cleveland appeared at the window. An artillery salute was fired. Just north of Winona a throng of workingmen gathered on horseback and rode up to the slowly moving train. They presented to Mrs. Cleveland a handsome bouquet. She reached out and thought it safe in her hand, but unluckily it fell to the ground. An athletic workman leaped the ditch and picked up the flowers amidst the hurrahs of his companions, and delivered them to her.

A tremendous throng turned out at St. Paul, Minn. A reception committee met the train and escorted the guests to carriages. A band on the roof of the station began playing and a battery near by fired a salute. Three little girls presented to Mrs. Cleveland bouquets of roses. The cheering was continuous. The party were driven through thickly crowded streets to the Hotel Ryan, where Mayor Smith made a brief speech of welcome. President Cleveland responded. In the course of his speech, he said: "My visit to you being social, and trusting that we have a sort of friendly feeling for each other, I want to suggest the reason why I am particularly interested in St. Paul and her people. Some years ago, a young girl dwelt among you, went to school, grew up to be a woman, and is now my wife. If any one thinks the President ought not to mention things of this sort in public, I hope he or she does not live in St. Paul, for I don't want to shock anybody when I thank God that the people of this city neither married or spoiled my wife. Hereafter you may be sure her pleasant recollection of her school days will be reinforced by the no less pleasant memory of our present visit. Thus will our present interest in St. Paul and its kind citizens be increased perpetually."

In the evening there was a grand parade and illumination. When, with his wife upon his arm, the President alighted at Bridge square, and slowly made his way up the steps to the reviewing stand cheers came from thousands packed within the four corners of the square. Here Mrs. Cleveland was met by a party of young ladies who had been among her most intimate acquaintances during her residence in the city. After cordial greetings the signal for the return was made. The return to the hotel was slow, owing to the crowds. Upon reaching the hotel another brief rest was made and the public reception commenced. For three hours the people filed in. It is said that Mrs. Cleveland has captured the affections of all during the pilgrimage.

The Presidential party breakfasted together at St. Paul, about 9 o'clock, and at 9.45 carriages were taken for a drive around the city. The route was round by Dayton's Bluff and thence to St. Anthony's Hill, taking in the two extremes of the city. For the greater part of the distance the sidewalks and borders of the roads were a solid mass of spectators, who cheered themselves hoarse as the carriages went by. In response to some of the more enthusiastic greetings, the President lifted his hat, while Mrs. Cleveland waved her handkerchief. After the drive, the President was entertained at lunch at the Minnesota Club.

The Presidential train reached Minneapolis at 1 P. M., Tuesday. The party was escorted to the West Hotel. The streets were thronged and many came hundreds of miles. The President, Mrs. Cleveland and party were accorded a magnificent ovation. When the Presidential party arrived at the hotel Mrs. Cleveland was shown to her apartments, which were tastefully decorated. After lunch the party took carriages, escorted by a division of police, a number of carriages and citizens, and viewed the finer business and residence portions of the city.

About 4 o'clock the President was conducted to the balcony over the main entrance of the West Hotel, and, after a brief introduction by Mayor Ames, addressed the multitude on the wonderful city of St. Paul and its twin wonder—Minneapolis. Almost every sentence of the address was received with applause, and at the conclusion the President was compelled three times to bow his acknowledgments. There were loud calls for Mrs. Cleveland, who, blushing like a rose, was led forward by Mayor Ames. "A speech," roared the crowd. She shook her head, smiled, bowed to the right and left, and then withdrew.

The party at once proceeded to the Exposition in carriages, escorted by the military companies, headed by Liberati's band. They went directly to the stand, where Mayor Ames briefly introduced the President to the throng. President Cleveland spoke again, dwelling particularly on the value of a permanent exhibition of this kind. At the close of his speech the party returned to the hotel, where an elaborate supper was served in the private dining room. At 8 o'clock carriages were taken, and with the military escort, the honored guests proceeded to the depot and took the train for Omaha.

The Pullman Palace Car Company is building two entire trains of vestibuled cars for the use of Messers. Raymond and Whitcomb in their California and Mexico business. Every train—and there are to be twelve different trips over three different routes—will have a Pullman palace dining-car attached. Passengers will thus be sure of obtaining first-class meals at regular hours. The first of the vestibuled trains will leave Boston Thursday, November 10. This will be the date of departure of the first party of the series, and the new and elegant hotel, The Raymond, at East Pasadena, will be reached within a few days after the opening of its second season. The scope of the excursion will be considerably widened this year, and all the leading resorts on the Pacific Coast will be included; while the independent tickets will give the greatest possible freedom to persons who desire to look about the Pacific Coast on their own account and without any fixed programme.

Fourteenth Annual Session Maine State Grange.

The 14th annual session of the Patrons of Husbandry of Maine, will be held in Skowhegan, Dec. 20, 21, 22, next:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

The session will open at 10 o'clock, A. M. 1.—Opening Exercises. 2.—Presenting Credentials. 3.—Appointment of Committees and reports of officers.

The afternoon session will be open at 2 P. M., and be public until close of Master's address. 1.—A short recess followed by a private session. 2.—Reports of Officers. 4.—Miscellaneous business.

At 7 P. M. there will be a meeting of the Patrons' Coöperative Corporation to which all patrons are cordially and earnestly invited. At 8.15 the State Grange will resume session. Reports of Officers; reports of Deputies; reports of Masters of Granges, &c.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

Grange will open at 9 o'clock, A. M. 1.—Announcement of Committees. 2.—Miscellaneous business. 3.—Reports of Committees and introduction of new business. 4.—Action on amendments to Constitution.

Afternoon session open at 1.30; and will be devoted to Election of Officers.

Evening session at 7 P. M. 1.—Conferring 5th Degree in form. 2.—Reports of Committees. 3.—Miscellaneous business.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND.

Grange opens at 9 A. M. 1.—Installation of Officers. 2.—Reports of Committees. 3.—Miscellaneous business.

Afternoon session opens at 1.30. 1.—Reports of Committees. 2.—Unfinished business. Evening session 7 o'clock. 1.—Unfinished business. 2.—Good of the Order. 3.—Closing exercises.

The above order of business is recommended for adoption.

The usual excursion rates will be arranged over the several railroads. Entertainment has been secured at the hotels and boarding houses at prices ranging from $1.00 to $1.25 per day, two in a room.

A Committee on Reception and Entertainment will be in attendance, to assist all in need of securing good boarding places, with headquarters at the Hall.

It is the duty of every Master of a Subordinate Grange to attend the State Grange, and the duty of every Grange to be represented.

It is a duty the Grange owes to the order and itself. This duty was especially laid upon Subordinate Grangers at the time their State dues were reduced from 24 to 12 cents per year. Granges should pay their Master, or delegate's expenses; they giving their time.

If the Master cannot possibly attend, it should be known in season, so the Grange can elect and certify a Past Master, or fourth degree member, a delegate in the Master's stead.

Make the coming session the largest and best held.

Per order EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Maine State Grange.

THE THREE LINKS. Yesterday was a day of deep interest to the Odd Fellows of Augusta, as Jephtha Encampment welcomed to the city and right royally entertained Eagle Encampment No. 32, of Haverhill, Mass., in part payment for the courtesies received last year by our local Encampment. The Eagles, who had on the evening previous been handsomely entertained by their brethren in Portland, arrived on the 9 A. M. train, and were met by Jephtha with full ranks, and headed by Clark's Band of Randolph. Our local Encampment is commanded by George H. Clark, and is composed of some of the best young men in the city, with a sprinkling of grey-heads. The Eagle Encampment of Haverhill is officered as follows:

Chief Patriarch—Harry H. Atwood.
Senior Warden—C. A. Stetson.
High Priest—W. H. Trow.
Junior Warden—H. L. Foss.
Guide—Fred Howard.
Scribe—Henry Le Bosquet.
Treasurer—Chas. Larrabe.
Inside Sentinel—Warren Rowe.
Outside Sentinel—Frank Stevens.
First Guard Tent—Frank O. Peasley.
Second Guard Tent—W. C. Bragdon.
First Watch—H. E. Parker.
Second Watch—S. S. Rowe.
Third Watch—W. P. Libby.
Fourth Watch—C. A. Senter.

This Encampment numbered some seventy members, besides some distinguished guests, who in the procession, rode in carriages. They are made up of some of the most influential and substantial citizens of the old city. They are accompanied by the Haverhill City Band, of 25 pieces, led by E. C. Quimby. This band is a fine one, and its music was favorably commented on, as well as the showy uniforms worn. Good words were also spoken of the fine street music furnished by Clark's Band. A procession was formed and marched through the principal streets on both sides of the river, the splendid music, showy uniforms, and excellent marching, attracting general attention. At the State House a halt was made, and in the absence of the Mayor, the visitors were welcomed to the city by Col. Staples, President of the Common Council. A response was made by Chief Patriarch Atwood. They then marched to the Augusta House, which is the headquarters. In the afternoon they visited the Soldiers' Home at Togus, and were handsomely entertained. At six o'clock, they set down to a grand banquet at the Augusta House, which Col. Milliken had provided in his very best style, after which there were speeches, that well-known Odd Fellow, S. W. Lane, Esq., acting as toastmaster. This was followed by a reception. This morning the visiting brethren will depart for home, well pleased, we have no doubt, with their brief visit to the valley of the Kennebec.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR. The General Assembly of the Knights of Labor began business at Minneapolis on Thursday last, with 223 delegates, Master Workman Powderly delivered an address in the evening, referring to the discontent and clamor which marked the close of the session, said he hoped for better things of this smaller body. Mr. Powderly discussed the relation of the order to anarchy. He had not confounded socialism and anarchy. He drew a wide line between the two. Giving his opinion of the condemned Chicago anarchists he said they should have a fair trial but be punished if found guilty. Mr. Powderly said the assembly should pass resolutions demanding that every anarchist be obliged to withdraw from the order or be expelled. We have nothing to fear from the Trades Unions. Everything to fear from the contaminating influence by those who preach destruction in the name of our order, who at the same time assert they are socialists, while giving the lie to every principle of socialism when they advocate violence of any kind. Mr. Powderly also spoke of the matters relating more particularly to the internal affairs of the order, and finally declared that he favored government supervision of the telegraphs. He denied that he belonged to any socialist organization, but he believed in the declaration of the principles of the order.

Secretary Leitchman's report draws the number of members in good standing July 1st was 480,000; the number in arrears 50,000. The receipts the fiscal year were $338,731; giving, with the balance on hand, $508,647. General Treasurer Turner submitted his annual report, showing the gross receipts, including balance, $497,658; expenditures, $491,683; balance $5,000. The prevailing idea at the convention seems to be adverse to a reported labor ticket in the Presidential election.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION. The Universalist Sunday School convention met with the Winthrop street church, in this city, Wednesday. A large number of the prominent members of the denomination, from all parts of the State, were in attendance. The convention was called to order by the president, J. V. Bradley, and words of welcome were given by Rev. H. S. Whitman of Augusta. The report of the executive committee showed a gain in membership of 300 during the year. Mrs. A. G. Lewis of South Boston, held the attention of the audience with the reading of an able and scholarly essay entitled "The childhood of Christ. How and why should we teach it?"

In the afternoon Mrs. Lewis with a class of children gave an illustration of infant class teaching which was listened to with close attention by the large audience present. Mrs. A. H. Hawes of Portland, read an essay on music as an element in S. S. work. Miss Josia B. Paine of Jay, presented an interesting and instructive essay on "The relation of Universalist doctrines to S. S. work."

In the evening, addresses were given by Rev. W. S. Perkins of Lewiston, on "The brotherhood of man," and by Rev. M. Crosby of Portland, on "Retribution," to a large and attentive audience.

Thursday the morning session opened with conference meeting conducted by Rev. W. W. Hooper of Orono. This was followed by a business meeting at which the following officers were elected: President, J. W. Knowlton, Belfast; vice president, Mrs. M. B. Barney, Deering; secretary, W. S. Perkins, Lewiston; treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Hobbs, Augusta; trustees, Rev. M. Crosley of Portland, R. H. Aldrich of Waterville, Albert Wood of No. Anson. This was followed by a very interesting normal exercise (primary), by Miss Nancy Hill of Auburn. This was followed by an address on "Missionary work through the S. S." by Rev. H. K. White, Dexter.

Resolutions were passed commending the duty and necessity of total abstinence, and rejoicing in the progress of the temperance cause.

The convention was an interesting and profitable one.

WORK AT THE PRISON. The State Prison officials have completed their arrangements to place twenty per cent. of their force on the manufacture of brooms, at the beginning of the next prison year, Nov. 1st. Five car loads of broom corn have been purchased in Chicago, and it is the intention to make a nice broom.

By the first of January, another division of the prisoners will be put at work on heavy furniture. The law prohibits the employment of more than twenty per cent. of the prisoners on any one branch of business. The arrangements already made will give employment to workmen on harnesses, carriages, brooms and furniture. Whether this will be sufficient, considering the number employed in various other ways, in cooking, making garments, etc., has not yet appeared.

The health of the prisoners is excellent, and the discipline never better, so that all moves smoothly in the institution. One of the things which has given greatest satisfaction is the new water supply. The quantity is abundant and of excellent quality. It is appreciated by every one. The prison officials are closing the year with an excellent record. Not a bill due the first of the month is unpaid. There is no debt on the prison beyond the ordinary bills for goods for current use.

City News.

—Mr. S. P. Eaton, the trader, is to shortly remove to California, with his family. This is on account of his poor health.

—The old saw mill, east end of the dam, has been torn down, and all is now ready for the new superstructure.

—Mr. James Keegan will arrive in the city to-day with thirty horses from Prince Edward Island.

—Mrs. Christina Hill, the mother of Dr. W. Scott Hill of this city, died in Greene, on Saturday last, at the age of seventy years.

—Mr. William H. Brooks, who has been connected with the firm of S. S. Brooks & Co., for more than twenty years, has retired from the firm.

—The First Baptist church are engaged in a movement to paint and recarpet their meeting house. Two coats will be given the edifice and an elegant carpet laid.

—A pupil in one of the city schools made the statement that all names referring to the Deity should be capitalized. He gave as an example the word "Jerusalem!"

—Mr. John P. Wyman has done a good job in opening the street south of Winthrop street, near the hillside, and erecting there a fine class of houses for rent.

—Col. H. S. Osgood, made an inspection of the jail in this city on Saturday afternoon, and, thanks to the efficiency of Sheriff McFadden, found it in splendid condition, and "neat as a pin."

—Child street is to be extended, beginning at State street at the place where Child street now is, and running easterly to Gage street, over the the land of Henry G. Staples and Daniel T. Pike.

—Mr. Horace North is this fall building two houses on his recently purchased lot on Weston street. They are of the class of houses greatly needed here—for small families of moderate means.

—J. S. Hobbs, Esq., was called to Lovell, his old home, Sunday night, by the death of his mother, Mrs. Charlotte S., widow of the late James Hobbs. She was eighty-eight years of age.

—We had a pleasant call, Friday, from Hon. Alfred W. Rich, who was in the last Senate from Waldo county. He and his wife have recently made an extensive carriage tour through several counties of the State.

—There are those who will be interested to learn that Miss Julia M. Elwin of this city, has entered the International Medical Missionary Institute in New York, in order to better prepare herself for her work in Burmah.

—The appeal taken from the probate of the will of the late Joann Church of this city, has been withdrawn, and the property will now go to her nephew, Mr. John H. Church. Letters of administration will issue to Hon. Geo. E. Weeks.

—Residents of Sewall street are fast falling into the sensible custom of removing the front yard fences, and in fact the line fences, as well. Chas. B. Johnson, G. A. Robertson, Elisha F. Springer and Rev. Caleb Fuller have removed their fences, and there are more to follow.

—As we hinted some time since, Mr. Hiram Clark, the well known carriage manufacturer and repairer, has become an inventor, and has turned out from his shop a combination drop axle wagon that is claimed to be a big thing. He has just turned out one of these wagons for Pritchard & Fairbanks of Bangor.

—Talk about the oldest book! Dr. Lapham has a work in the Italian language, on the practice of medicine, with a glossary of terms at the last part, and containing 364 pages. It was printed at Venice in 1589, and is very valuable as being one of the Aldine volumes, which are very rare. It is well registered and elegantly printed.

—Mr. W. S. Weeks of Riverside, has established a cream route in Augusta, where he delivers cream three times a week. He keeps a herd of ten cows, all Jerseys, using a creamery; it pays much better than making butter, and he intends increasing his herd to sixteen in the spring. He has netted $200 for the sweet corn he has marketed here this season. Brains, well developed, are handy in farming, as in everything else.

—Young Harrington, who is in jail for the great crime of arson, confesses freely that he was led to it by reading dime novels and "yellow covered literature," as poisonous to the mind and soul as "Rough on Rats" is to the body. We apprehend that a fraction of the numerous suicides occurring result from the fruitless effort to find something worth reading in the dreary waste of stuff furnished by the Sunday papers.

—Harvest Sunday was appropriately and elaborately observed at the Methodist church on Sunday. The audience room was beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers, and the richest products of the field, garden and orchard were arranged about the altar. All the ministrations of the day, by the talented pastor, Rev. Mr. Palmer, were in keeping with the idea which these emblems symbolized.

—The Cony Brothers have been sued for debts contracted by the managers of that calamity, the steamer "Jessie B.," amounting to something over $700, and the case will be heard in the court of admiralty, Portland. It is claimed by those bringing the suit that the Cony Brothers were the general agents of the boat. This these gentlemen emphatically deny, and that they had nothing to do in contracting the debts sued for.

—While waiting for the plastering to dry in the house he is rebuilding in this city, Mr. Frank W. Kinsman took a trip to New York, and purchased at a great bargain a brown stone house at 112 East 26th street, just a block and a half from his store. Its cost was about $25,000, and it is a great bargain. He expects to occupy it as his home about the first of December. He purchased it from Robert H. Nooney, late President of the board of Aldermen, it being his private residence. We extend our congratulations. Mr. Kinsman will visit Augusta about the middle of October.

—Col. H. G. Staples has written to General Manager Payson Tucker, asking if he would build a platform and awning at the foot of Capitol street, if certain improvements were made. A favorable reply was received by Col. Staples. The station will be a stopping place for the accommodation train and other trains, probably, and shorten the distance to the State House considerably. It would be of great convenience to a large number of persons who come to the city for the sole purpose of transacting business at the State House. They could stop at the new station, instead of traveling the long distance from the present one.

AN EXAMPLE MADE. Tuesday evening of last week, Game Wardens French, of Calais, and Pond of Princeton, arrived in Bangor with three or four men whom they had arrested for violation of the game laws in shooting deer out of season, and in hunting deer with dogs, and whom they took to Bucksport for trial before a trial justice of Hancock county, in which county the offences were committed. The poachers had been getting in their work on Gassabeus Lake, a small body of water lying back of Lake Nicatous, a locality which has long had the reputation of being the Paradise of Poachers. Commissioner Stillwell, has however, been on the lookout, and learning that parties were on their way to that place, sent the two game wardens above mentioned to look after them. They were more than successful in their mission, as they caught them in the very act not only of killing in close time, but hunting and killing with dogs. They arrested the men and captured their whole kit, including four deer skins and two hounds, one a large deer hound and the other a small beagle hound. The dogs and hides were left with Game Warden Allen, and the men taken to Bucksport on Wednesday evening's train. They were fined $200 each with costs, amounting to $1000, in court at Bucksport.

"Grasses and Forage Plants," a practical treatise, comparative nutritive value, methods of cultivating, cutting and curing, and the management of grass lands in the United States and British Provinces, by Charles L. Flint, late Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Health. This is the revised edition, its object being to embody the most recent practical and scientific information on the history, culture and nutritious value of the grasses and grains. The number of illustrations of the different species of grasses, drawn with great care and accuracy, will serve to facilitate study and investigation. Lee & Shepard, publishers, Boston, Mass.

Mr. R. H. Grindle, who is interested in the oyster planting near Castine and other points in Penobscot Bay, is reported as saying that the oyster-beds appear in a most favorable condition at present, and the great question to determine is the effect of winter on them

Get rid of that tired feeling as quick as possible. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives strength, a good appetite, and health.

Forty-four head of trotters were sold on Tuesday, by auction at Lexington, Ky., for $10,945.

Kennebec County News.

—A liberal Christian Association is to be formed in Winthrop.

—President Pepper has recovered from his sickness, and will return to his college duties at Colby, in a week or so.

—Prof. C. H. Jones has 73 scholars in attendance at Oak Grove Seminary, now in progress at Greenwood Hall, Vassalboro.'

—A brass band of eighteen pieces has been formed at Kent's Hill to be called the Seminary Cadet Band. It is under the leadership of Mr. C. E. Bean.

—The Winthrop Mills have shut down for the putting in of a new water wheel, which will greatly increase the production of the company.

—The Hallowell shoe factory will start up next week, with a full crew, Johnson Brothers, proprietors. This will be good news to the people of the vicinity.

—The business men of Readfield, are agitating the question of a slipper factory there, and nearly enough money to ensure the success of the enterprise has been subscribed.

—In the new shoe factory at Hallowell, there will be about fifty stitchers and six Reese button-hole makers, which will make complete eleven button-holes per minute. One of the machines cost over $500, and another weighs over two tons.

—It will be remembered that Mr. H. A. Dexter of Wayne, fell with a portion of the Canton toll bridge, a year ago last March, and had his leg broken. Last Friday morning he was surprised to find a hard bunch right over the place where the bone was broken, about the size and shape of half a hen's egg, cut in two lengthwise, and the leg considerably inflamed. Several persons have examined it, but cannot account for its appearance, other than a loose piece of bone may have started to come out.

—When Asbury Blagdon of Randolph, was accidentally killed by the discharge of his gun, the little shepherd dog that was always his companion on his gunning expeditions, lay down beside the body of his master and remained throughout the day, and on the arrival of the coroner he would not allow a person to approach, and it was only after long persuasion and force that he could be moved. He was then allowed to ride home beside the remains, frequently uttering the most pitiful moans.

—Thomas D. Pinkham has the honorable distinction of being the oldest ex-soldier in the Soldiers' Home at Togus. He was born at Boothbay, Maine, Nov. 15, 1795, and is therefore 92 years of age. He is a veteran of the Mexican war as well as the Rebellion, having served in Co. G, 4th Maine Infantry, and in the 1st and 6th Maine Batteries, his term of service beginning with the war and ending with the proclamation of peace. The State of Maine has always been his home, though he has traveled all over the U. S., and through eleven kingdoms. He followed the sea fifty-seven years, has four generations of descendants living, though but three of his own children out of twenty-one are now alive.

THE BAPTISTS. The closing session of the State convention at Bangor, was held Thursday noon. Among the proceedings we have not heretofore chronicled were resolutions declaring sympathy with all moral and legal measures for the suppression of intemperance and crime in our State and nation, and warmly approving the positive position taken by our Chief Executive on this question. The Maine Baptist Charitable Society reported funds to the amount of $2,224.54. Rev. C. V. Hanson was chosen President. The Maine Baptist Education Society elected Rev. W. S. Roberts, President. Rev. C. C. Tilley was appointed to preach the annual sermon with Prof. Shailer Mathews as alternate.

At the meeting of the Education Society, Rev. C. E. Owen presented the report of the committee of the society on Colby University. Students are coming from a wide area of States. Four of the professors have been called during the year to other positions, but only one has accepted. Reference was made to the work of the year, and to the illness of President Pepper. There is an increasing number of students year by year.

Rev. C. F. Holbrook presented the report of the committee on Coburn Classical Institute. The past year has been a prosperous one. Nearly two-thirds of the freshman class came from the Institute. Departments of music and arts should be added. A larger endowment is necessary. The library should be enlarged, and new apparatus should be added.

Rev. G. P. Mathews, D. D., presented a report of the committee on the Ricker Classical Institute. This institution will, during the coming year, enter its new building, Wording Hall. The prospects of the institution are most encouraging. The instructors are discharging their duties with great fidelity and Christian courtesy.

Rev. C. C. Tilley presented a report of the committee on Hebron Academy. Mr. Sargent, the principal, is performing his work with enthusiasm and success. The number of students is larger than usual. But the academy needs a new building, and progress has been made in securing the needed funds.

At the meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Anna Sargent Hunt presided. Addresses were made by Mrs. A. B. Merriman of Boston, and Mrs. Reynolds of Wallingford, Conn.

THE UNITARIAN CONFERENCE. At the Conference in Saco, last week, State Missiontry Sheldon, of Waterville, gave a report of his year's work, which was followed by the report of Rev. S. C. Bean, of his mission work in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. A general discussion on mission work followed, after which Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, of Portland, read an essay on "The Crucifixion of Christ." The election of officers took place as follows:

President—Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, of Bangor.
Vice President—Hon. J. W. Symonds, of Portland.
Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. C. C. Vinal, of Kennebunk.
Executive Committee—Rev. George C. Cressey, of Bangor, Hon. Mark P. Emery, of Portland, F. J. D. Hopkins, of Ellsworth.
Missionary Committee—Rev. F. S. Thacher, of Farmington, Rev. P. S. Thacher, of Augusta, Rev. O. K. Crosby, of Bangor.

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The Treasury Department has notified the collector of customs at Boston that an investigation, made by the State Department, shows that no infectious diseases exist among animals in Nova Scotia. Instructions prohibiting the landing of animals and hides from there are revoked.

Mrs. Lucretia Garfield sailed on the Arizona from New York, Tuesday, for Liverpool, with her daughter Mollie. Friends say the dangerous illness of a relative in England will cause the postponement of the wedding of Miss Mollie to J. Stanley Brown, private secretary of the late President Garfield, which was to have occurred October 26th.

The Sultan of Morocco, who has been critically ill for some time, is dead. His 16-year-old son took the oath of office on his father's corpse, and has assumed the government. He has appointed his favorite uncle grand vizer. England has made a proposition to the powers, that they all send men-of-war to Morocco, to protect their respective subjects there.

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Mr. Peter Truedell of Smithfield, while threshing, went to step down upon the table before the speed had entirely stopped, when his foot slipped against the beater mangling his toes so that three had to be amputated.

A successful descent from the height of 1000 feet was made Monday, at Galensburg, Ill., by Ned Hathaway, an aeronaut, in 30 seconds. The ascent was made in a hot air balloon. He descended with a parachute of a new pattern, which was 23 feet in diameter.

The New York Sun says the principal sugar refineries of the country are negotiating for the formation of a sugar trust similar to the cotton, oil and rubber trusts. Firms representing about $50,000,000 in capital, including nearly all the refiners in America, are in the scheme.

The Treasury Department has notified the collector of customs at Boston that an investigation, made by the State Department, shows that no infectious diseases exist among animals in Nova Scotia. Instructions prohibiting the landing of animals and hides from there are revoked.

Mrs. Lucretia Garfield sailed on the Arizona from New York, Tuesday, for Liverpool, with her daughter Mollie. Friends say the dangerous illness of a relative in England will cause the postponement of the wedding of Miss Mollie to J. Stanley Brown, private secretary of the late President Garfield, which was to have occurred October 26th.

The Sultan of Morocco, who has been critically ill for some time, is dead. His 16-year-old son took the oath of office on his father's corpse, and has assumed the government. He has appointed his favorite uncle grand vizer. England has made a proposition to the powers, that they all send men-of-war to Morocco, to protect their respective subjects there.

Ex-Gov. Wm. B. Washburn of Greenfield, Mass. dropped dead on the platform at the morning session of the A. C. C. F. M., in Wednesday, at Springfield, Mass., in the eightieth year of his age. He was ex-Governor of Massachusetts, and ex-U. S. Senator. He has been a trustee of Yale College, the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Smith's College, as well as a member of the board of overseers of Amherst College. Harvard gave him LL.D. in 1872.

A man named Vaillancourt is in jail at Montreal, charged with having starved his bedridden wife to death. The woman had been paralyzed for nearly two years, and her husband, according to evidence given at the inquest, used to lock her up in the house for days at a time without food, even charitable neighbors being prevented from ministering to her wants. The only food supplied by the brute was an occasional cold potato or a piece of bread. People in the neighborhood were afraid to say anything, as the prisoner has a desperate reputation.

The annual meeting of the survivors of Southern military prison pens during the war was held in Worcester, Mass., Friday. It was the largest and most enthusiastic since the society was organized, and included veterans from every State in New England. It was voted as the sense of the association that the sufferings of Union prisoners of war and the disease contracted while in prison, should be recognized by Congress, and that this association endorse and approve the action taken by the national association of Union ex-prisoners of war; the action of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in reference to pensions.

Rev. Dr. Maynard describes the condition of things on the plague stricken steamer Alesia, when the cholera broke out. He says: "I never saw such a complete surrender to misfortune as these people made. They made no struggle with fate, but sat or moved about listlessly and lifelessly, and seemed actually to invite death by their dread of it. I cannot give any particulars regarding the progress of the disease or the number of the victims. Strange to say, the disease first struck the Neopolitans, and the proportion of the stricken among them was greater than among those from Palermo, who imparted the disease. There were no more funerals after the first. Concealment of the true state of affairs lasted but a short time, and the victims were given to the deep, one after another. I believe that no one really knows how many died on board. Every day brought its list of fatalities."

Faneuil Hall, Boston, was packed Friday evening at the public reception to General Paine and Designer Burgess of the yacht Volunteer. Hundreds were unable to gain admission. Above the platform were three banners inscribed "Puritan," "Mayflower," and "Volunteer." On the platform was an elegant floral representation of the Volunteer and America's cup. Captain Haff was unable to be present. The crew of the Volunteer were on the platform. Mayor O'Brien presided and introduced General Paine amid great cheering. General Paine said the Thistle was a very fast boat. He had never understood her abilities. He publicly thanked Captain Haff and crew. At the conclusion he was given three cheers. Edward Burgess was then introduced and received a warm reception and made a short speech. Gov. Ames, ex-Mayor Prince, Dr. William Everett, Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, Rev. E. A. Horton and Thomas J. Gargan made speeches. Rev. M. J. Savage read an original poem.

The meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at Springfield, this week, have been of decided interest, the policy which has been pursued by the prudential committee in regard to accepting candidates for foreign missionary work who accept the dogmas of the so-called new theology, exciting most animated discussion. After a debate extending through two days, this policy was approved. The matter was referred to a committee, the majority of which reported the following resolutions: First, that we consider it a reason for profound gratitude to God that so much of enthusiastic devotion to the cause of missions has been awakened among the young men and young women of our land, and that this board has been so amply sustained in its demands for funds and for laborers; second, that the board adheres to the position taken at the last annual meeting at Des Moines concerning the doctrine of future probation, reaffirms its utterances made at that time, accepts the interpretation of the prudential committee as the true interpretation of its action; third, that we recommend to the prudential committee an unabated carefulness in guarding the board from any committal to the approval of that doctrine. These resolutions were passed by a strong vote.

It has come out that the Anarchists and Socialists have planned a revolution, and a great uprising all over the country. Secret preparations are being made by the International Fraternity of Socialists and Anarchists, who are making ready for a revolution in the United States in 1889, the centennial anniversary of the French revolution. The Red International League is a soulless association of Anarchists, who are now in force in Chicago biding their time, having selected the date of the anniversary of the French revolution for their uprising, supposing that on that day many manufacturers will close their shops, and a general panic will reign. The Reds are estimated at about 100,000 strong, and they expect that by 1889 they will have increased to 400,000. The chief of these plotters, in drawing up the plan for the movement, says the panic will surely come. On that fatal day explosions will occur, great centres will rise, and places where there now only exists a few Socialists, will be converted into points from whence the Socialists will draw immense numbers of recruits. In these places it is necessary for the Socialists on the disastrous day to see that the conservative element remain in their houses for their protection. In the large centres more extreme measures will be taken. The Anarchists will take possession of public points, and hold in their hands the machine of government. The decrees to guide the Socialists are now promulgated, and will be executed at once when the time comes.

Belgrade Town Show.

The annual show of the farmers of Belgrade was held at Pinkham's Corner, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The day was fine, and the display of oxen large; in fact, it was almost a show of oxen and steers, there being over fifty yokes in all, and there were eighteen yokes of oxen that were 7 feet and over in girth; in fact, it was a team that any town might feel proud of. The following were the exhibitors of oxen 4 years old and over: L. A. Guptill, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 8 in.; H. H. Tibbetts, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 1 in.; Jacob Sewell Spaulding, 1 yoke, 7 ft 4 in.; Jacob Wentworth, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; E. F. Yeaton, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 5 in.; C. M. Weston, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 2 ins.; same, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 9 ins.; Wm. E. Lord, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 9 ins.; same, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 8 ins.; M. F. Yeaton, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 11 ins.; Bert Alexander, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; Geo. A. Ellis, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 4 ins.; Chas. Hallett, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 10 ins.; Chas. Taylor, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; Chas. Wyman, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; Mrs. J. L. Heath, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 11 ins.; G. J. Page, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 6 ins.; John P. Wyman, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 1 in.; H. H. Adams, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 6 ins.; Philip Dameron, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 6 ins.; Simon Guptill, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; Henry Yeaton, 1 yoke, 7 ft. 6 ins.; Orrin Gowell, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 10 ins.; John Tibbetts, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; J. H. Dunlap, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; J. O. Rogers, 1 yoke, 7 ft.; J. M. Furbush, 1 yoke, 6ft., 5 ins.; Sanford Rowe, 1 yoke, 7 ft. Three-year-old steers—John Ames, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 7 ins.; H. H. Tibbetts, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 4 ins.; C. M. Weston, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 6 ins.; Bert Alexander, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 9 ins.; Geo. A. Ellis, 2 yoke, 6 ft. 6 ins. each; N. G. Dameron, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 10 ins.; John Worster, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 6 ins.; J. M. Furbush, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 4 ins.; M. Bickford, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 4 ins.; same, 1 yoke, 6 ft. 3 ins. Two-year-old steers—L. A. Guptill, 1 yoke, 6 ft.; same, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 8 ins.; Avery Merrow, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 6 ins.; Henry Huff, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 10 in.; J. M. Furbush, 1 yoke, 6 ft. One-year-old steers—Bert Taylor, 1 yoke, 6 ft., weighing 2,070 lbs., extra pair; Wm. E. Lord, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 2 ins.; H. H. Tibbetts, 1 yoke, 5 ft.; L. A. Guptill, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 1 in.; John Stanley, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 5 ins.; same, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 4 ins.; Walter Stuart, 1 yoke, 5 ft. 2 ins. Steer calves were shown by Bert Stuart and Orrin Gowell; G. A. Farnham, odd steer calf, 9 mos. old, 5 ft. Sam'l Chandler odd steer calf, 7 mos. old, 4 ft. 9 ins., white face. Cows were exhibited by Geo. A. Farnham and John Tibbetts. J. W. & J. N. Penney made a display of butter, cheese, apples, pumpkins, turnips, squashes, etc.; L. K. Stevens of yellow and pop corn and cranberries; F. A. Scribner of onions, pumpkins and seed corn.

Horses and colts—H. H. Adams, brood mare, and a fine colt by Col. West; N. G. Lyford, brood mare and colt; Geo. R. Gleason, a 3 mos. old colt by Dictator; Frank A. Farnham, 1-yr.-old colt by Echo; Chas. Hallett & Son, 1-year-old colt, 14 hands high, sired by Dr. Franklin, and dam sired by Independence; Joseph Merrow, 2-yr.-old and 1-yr.-old colts. L. B. Dolloff exhibited a fine full blood Chester boar. H. C. Minot showed some very fine chickens.

Premiums were awarded as follows:

Best oxen over 4 yrs old—1st, L A Guptill; 2d, Geo A Ellis; 3d, G J Page. Best 4 yrs old—1st, Sanford Rowe; 2d, Simon Guptill; 3d, John P Wyman; 4th, Chas Taylor. Best 3 yrs old, 1st and 2d, Geo A Ellis; 3d, Bert Alexander. Best 2 yrs old, 1st, J M Furbush; 2d, L A Guptill; 3d, Avery Merrow; 4th, Henry Huff. Best 1 yr old, 1st, Bert Taylor; 2d, Walter Stuart; 3d, John Stanley. Best calves, 1st, Bert Stuart; 2d, Orrin Gowell. Single calves, 1st, Geo A Farnham; 2d, Sam'l Chandler. Matched oxen over 4 years, 1st, H H Adams; 2d, Geo A Ellis; 3d, Wm E Lord. Best matched 3 yrs old, 1st, H H Tibbetts; 2d, Bert Alexander; 3d, Geo A Ellis. Best matched 2 yrs old, 1st, Avery Merrow; 2d, J M Furbush; 3d, Geo Huff. Fat cattle, 1st, L A Guptill; 2d, Geo A Ellis; 3d, S Spaulding, 4th, J O Rogers; 5th, Simon Guptill; honorable mention is made of Jacob Wentworth's oxen. Matched year olds and calves, 1 yr old, 1st, Bert Taylor; 2d, John Stanley; 3d, Walter Stuart. Calves, 1st, Bert Stuart; 2d, Orrin Gowell. Colts, 2 yrs old—1st, J Merrow; 2d, Frank Gleason. 1 year old, 1st, N G Lyford; 2d, Chas Hallett & Son; 3d, Frank A Farnham. Suckers, 1st, Geo R Gleason; 2d, H H Adams.

Cheese—1st, Mrs J W Penney. Butter, 1st, Mrs J W Penney. Squashes and pumpkins, J W Penney, 1st. Seed corn, 1st, L K Stevens. Pop corn, 1st, L K Stevens. Cranberries, 1st, L K Stevens. F A Scribner, 1st on onions, cabbages, sweet corn, and 2d on pumkins. H C Minot 1st on chickens. Best work oxen to the drag, over 7 ft, 1st, G J Page; 2d, Henry Yeaton; 3d, Henry Tibbetts. Seven feet and under, 1st, John Tibbetts; 2d, Bert Alexander; 3d, J H Dunlap.

Pensions. The following pensions have been granted to persons in Maine:

Wm. B., father of Isaiah Coburn, Sherman Mills. Mexican War.
Hezekiah Herriman, Stockton.
Eliza A. Libby, Forest City.
Ira Mason, Chelsea.
Charles F. Jordan, Oldtown.
Charles E. Higgins, West Buxton.
Charles H. Lander, Bangor.
Wm. C. Warren, Lincoln.
Ellen C., mother of James E. Surles, Eastport.
George H. Whitehouse, Topsham.
Jeremiah May, Auburn.
Charles S. Holt, Togus.
Alphonso Frost, Weston.
Leroy Judkins, Athens.
Charles W. Wilson, Bangor.
Josiah D. Foss, Augusta.
Robert Cochran, Oakland.
Eliza H., widow of John Green, Bangor.
Robert Bisbee, Mexican War, Togus.
Charles Smith, Auburn.
John W. Morin, Embden Centre.
Wm. E. Willey, Oakland.
Emery O. Pendleton, Belfast.
Alfred C. Butler, Togus.
Samuel M. Hoover, Yarmouth.
Wentworth Staples, Lincoln.
Wesley A. Stevens, Bethel.
Jos. H. Haskell, Pittsfield.
Minor of John Stockman, Danville.
Thomas Bagal, (navy,) Togus.
Milton M. Branch, Waterville.
John F. Sheahan, Dennysville.
Timothy Donovan, Bangor.
George H. Smith, Porter Village.
Nelson H. Martin, Fort Fairfield.
Gottlied Drettler, Togus.
Samuel N., father of Melvin N. Murphy, Monson.
Minor of John T. Hatch, Washington.
Jordan Blackstone, Portland.
Benjamin Gray, Mapleton.
George W. Young, Searsport.
George H. Morton, Ashdale.
Thomas B. Moore, Togus.
Isaac L. Olmstead, Bangor.
Ezra Rounds, Brownfield.
Michael Gilligin, Togus.
Lauretta, widow of George A. Roundy, Clinton, original.
Barzella H. Spear (navy), Rockport.
John B. Bisbee, East Union.
John Bacheider, Brooks.
Clinton Chapman, Oxford, increase.
James Riley, Togus.
David S. Libby, Sangerville.
Samuel Albee, Salem.
Thomas Williamson, Bangor.
Horatio A. Thurston, City Point.
Thomas S. Bowdoin alias George McMartin, West Washington.
Annie B., widow of Wm. B. Davis, Augusta.
Emeline, mother of Henry C. Libby, Gray.
Joseph A. Frye, Brookton.
Joseph McIntyre, New Harbor.
Michael McDermott, Togus.
Hannah, widow of Isaac G. Philbrook, Greenfield.
James H. Billings, Bluehill, original.
Isaac Thomas, New Sharon.
Daniel Vanner, navy, Eastport.
Daniel Driscoll, Portland.
Samuel E. Ricker, Blaine.
Jose E. Howe, Hallowell.
Wm. E. Danco, deceased, North Ellsworth.
Benj. A. Merrill, Richmond.
Albert S. Rollins, Readfield Depot, increase.
Lewis Carter, Cherryfield.
Albion K. P. Moore, Belfast.
H. H. Tebbetts, Stoneham.
Benj. F. Hutchins, Brighton, reissue and increase.

Dexter Grange Fair. Dexter Grange held their eighth annual fair at their hall in Dexter, Oct. 5th and 6th. Although the weather the first day of the fair was dark and rainy, the fair was a success in every department, and in some respects excelled former years. At an early hour Wednesday morning, in spite of threatening weather, the teams came pouring in loaded with the products of the farm and home manufactured articles, proving that patrons are ever on hand when they have a good purpose to perform. The citizens, also, were engaged in bringing and arranging their goods. The artists in town made a very attractive exhibit of pictures, which added much to the beauty of the hall. The sisters prepared the tables in the dining hall, and set before us a most tempting supper, which excelled all former occasions. The efforts made by the sisters in making the fair a success have been marked. Thursday being fair, additions were made to the exhibition, and by noon the hall was well filled, one side and two lines overhead being filled with quilts, rugs, afghans, table scarfs and many other things. One table, of which there were five, was filled with fancy and domestic articles. The trade occupied one table, two were loaded with fruit and canned goods, which made a very attractive display. One table was mostly devoted to the hardware dealers. S. D. Fish & Son, harness makers, made a creditable show at this table. The vegetable room was more than full; squashes and pumpkins of mammoth size were on exhibition. The poultry department was very fine. The baby show, advertised at two o'clock, was the main feature of the day, and filled the hall. There were seventeen entered and nine prizes offered. In the evening the oyster supper again brought out the crowd; between two and three hundred persons partook of the supper, which was a success. The fair closed with an auction of articles donated to the order, and all were well pleased. The proceeds of the fair were nearly $130. J.

The American Missionary Association will hold its forty-first annual meeting in Portland, Maine, Oct. 25-29. The sessions will be held in the Second Congregational church and will commence at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 25. This missionary body is a national organization and draws it support from Christian people in every State and Territory in the Union. Its missionary labors, which are both evangelistic and educational, are devoted especially to the poor and neglected classes. Its missionaries numbers 446, of whom 355 are in the South, 56 among the Indians, and 34 among the Chinese. In its schools are 10,717 pupils. Its range of teaching includes the industrial. At the South its work is chiefly among the colored people. The annual gatherings of this great society are usually meetings of marked interest and power. It brings representative men from all parts of the country, and we are informed that the Portland meeting promises to be one of the most interesting ever held. As the work of this Association takes hold of the foundation principles of our American civilization, it commends itself to the sympathy and endorsement of all who hold their country's welfare dear.

The struggle in the national league for the base ball championship ended Saturday, the Detroit club fairly and honestly winning the championship. Boston people are feeling very much discouraged over the record of their club.

A bear in Cutler recently attacked and badly tore a heifer owned by Mrs. Seth B. French.

Maine Agricultural News.

—A correspondent reports that from his observation there has been but very little decay among the varieties of potatoes known as the White Star, White Elephant, Burbank Seedling, Early Sunrise.

—Alexander Ross is one of the enterprising farmers of Mapleton. He has 4 acres of potatoes, 10 acres of oats, which will produce 60 bushels or more per acre, 2 tons or more of hops, several acres of wheat, etc., and will have 40 or 50 tons of hay to sell.

—A. W. Ingersoll of Houlton, last week obtained from one acre of land, 50 barrels of sorted potatoes, which he sold for $1.75 per bbl., amounting to $87.50. The small unmarketable potatoes he disposed of at the starch factory for $14.00, making a total of $101.50. With this money he purchased 17 barrels of good roller process flour. This is better than the wheat producers of Dakota can do, and more than they can realize from one acre. Go to Aroostook, young man!

—F. F. Noyes will pay the farmers of East Wilton about $2,500 for corn which will average about $40 to the acre. He is now buying apples, pumpkins and squash and giving employment to quite a number.

—The corn factory erected the past season at St. Albans, by Lucian Phinney, Esq., of Stroudwater, finished canning corn Monday, having canned over 500,000 cans of sweet corn. It is a new industry for the town and with the cheese and butter factories, the farmers and others will receive a fair return for their labors. Mr. I. O. Winslow received $90 for one measured acre, and $84 for another, while others have done nearly as well.

—On account of the bad weather Tuesday, the fair of the Sagadahoc Society at Topsham was postponed to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Everything now points to a successful fair. The hall exhibit will exceed in excellence any exhibit yet made. The art department is showing up grandly, and any lover of art can find plenty to admire. The produce, fruit and agricultural implements make a fine show. Enterprising tradesmen have their goods displayed, and on every hand can be purchased articles, ornamental, useful and otherwise. The stock exhibit is far ahead of anything yet seen on the grounds. So many entries have been made that the stables will not accommodate the stock. Over one hundred head of cattle came from Richmond alone, as fine an exhibit of cattle as one would wish to see. To-day and to-morrow will be the very best days.

—The Pittston and Chelsea cattle show and fair at Pittston, Tuesday, on account of the weather was the poorest ever held by the Society. The exhibits in the hall were few and far between, and the cattle did not appear. There was a general misunderstanding all around.

One of Kennebec's Farms.

We copy the following from the *Fairfield Journal:* Any of the numerous readers of the *Journal* who are interested in farming or fine stock, and happen to be passing through Riverside, could spend an hour or two pleasantly and profitably by stopping at the "Broadacres" farm of Ira D. Sturgis. This farm, containing in tillage, pasturing and wood, 750 acres, is beautifully situated on the river road leading from Augusta to Waterville, just at the outskirts of our little village and in one of the finest farming sections of the State. On this farm is a fine, large mansion and five barns, two of which are expensive ones, probably as good as any in the State, each 112 ft. long by 48 wide, in the construction of which, for convenience and durability, Mr. Sturgis has spared neither pains nor money; also one 90 by 40, another 80 by 40, another 60 by 50; besides he has two nice stables for horses. He keeps from 20 to 25 head of cattle; at present time he has 30 all Jerseys, from the American Jersey cattle club, four of which were imported direct from the Island of Jersey. He has 200 sheep. The floors of his several hog-pens, in which he keeps 43 hogs, are all cemented, thus realizing to the greatest possible degree all the benefits from the saving of the dressing; he also keeps 130 hens, in a commodious and conveniently arranged hen-house. Mr. Sturgis is very enthusiastically in favor of ensilage for feeding stock. He has a silo with a capacity of 180 tons. He is at present engaged in filling it; for that purpose he planted 11 acres of sweet corn; he has picked and hauled to the corn-canning factory the best ears; the smallest ears are cut up with the stalks for ensilage. His silo is built in two compartments 17ft. high; the walls are double and filled with sawdust. After seven years experience, experimenting with different varieties, he is satisfied that the largest sized sweet corn, such as is used for canning purposes, is best for ensilage. In planting there should be used about three pecks of seed to the acre; it should be put in drills about 3½ ft. apart. The cultivator is run through it two or three times during the first part of the season: it is cut with horse power and ensilage cutter, and carried by an elevator directly up into the silo, where 3 or 4 men are constantly at work spreading it and keeping it level. The capacity of his cutter is 25 to 30 tons per day. Some make a practice of putting the corn into the silo whole, but Mr. Sturgis is satisfied it is not so good; the knives of his cutter are set to cut about 3-8 of an inch long; by cutting it in this way about four times as much can be put in the same space, and the cattle will eat it all clean. After the silo is filled it is covered with straw a foot and a half deep, and then covered with planks placed close together and weighted with about 75 tons of stone. All that is necessary is to make it as nearly air-tight as possible. He commences to feed generally about the 1st of December, beginning at the top of the silo, cutting a strip about three feet wide across and then coming back and taking another strip, removing the stone and plank as he comes to it. In feeding he gives cattle one foddering a day, 25 lbs. to each creature; he also feeds it to his sheep. Mr. Sturgis is an enterprising farmer putting the same energy into farming that has always characterized him in his lumbering and other business pursuits, making him one of the most active and successful business men of the State. Should any of the *Journal's* readers chance to call at "Broadacres" farm, they will find its proprietor a gentleman, and one who is not only willing, but takes pleasure in showing his visitors around.

Items and Incidents.

The losses in the United States by fire during September are set down at $7,937,900, against $6,500,000 for September, 1886. Thus the increase of fire losses appears to keep pace with the country's growth. Insurance men should devise some remedy to prevent this dead waste and loss of $70,000,000 and more a year.

A Good Appetite

Is essential to good health; but at this season it is often lost, owing to the poverty or impurity of the blood, derangement of the digestive organs, and the weakening effect of the changing season. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a wonderful medicine for creating an appetite, toning the digestion, and giving strength to the whole system. Now is the time to take it. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Reports indicate that deer are more plentiful than ever around the northern Maine lakes, this fall.

"For years I suffered from loss of appetite and indigestion, but failed to find relief until I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine entirely cured me. My appetite and digestion are now perfect."—Fred. G Bower, 496 Seventh st., South Boston, Mass.

At Springfield, Mass., while the dicussion with reference to future probation was taking place, Dr. Parker of Hartford said that, on the way to the meeting, an intoxicated individual was endeavoring to explain the object of the meeting. His idea was that, not being satisfied with taking a man's whiskey from him here, "they were trying to get prohibition after death."

No Blistering.

Elastic Starch keeps the iron from sticking and linen from blistering while ironing; results accomplished by no other starch in the market.

The New York Evening World appeared for the first time Monday, and met with the phenomial sale of 111,140 copies.

Benj. W. Patton, of Globe Village, Mass., says: "Having sold Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry for many years, and used it in my family with the most satisfactory results, I can with confidence say that in my estimation it is the best remedy in the market for coughs, colds and throat and lung diseases."

It is reported that the United States representatives at the recent informal meeting of the Canadian fishery negotiators in Washington insisted upon certain definite propositions denied by Secretary Bayard.

The Markets.

Report of Union Stock Market.

[Specially Reported for the Maine Farmer.]

Watertown, Oct. 11, 1887.

Names of Drovers.	No. Cattle.	Sheep.	Veals.
T. T. Weeks,	8		8
W. C. Littlefield,	8		2
R. E. Penney,	5		3
J. A. Jones,	3		
McIntire & Shaw,	4		
G. Rogers,	1		
J. C. Richardson,	4		
F. Hayden,	14		1
N. A. Trafton,	36		11
F. H. Cooledge & Son,	42		52
W. W. Hall & Son,	40		17
C. P. Whitemore,	13		
Glines & Weston,	32		1
R. W. Brown & Co.,		792	
I. C. Libby & Sons,	44		25
Weller & Libby,		215	
King & Hammond,		650	
E. L. Libby,	10		15
C. H. Merrill & Arnold,	49	400	14
P. W. Thompson & Son,	8	350	6
J. Allen, Jr.,	10		8

Condition of the Market.

A rainy day is very disagreeable and expensive to the drover, as all kinds of stock shows to a disadvantage, as was the case to-day—30 loads of cattle and sheep to sell, weigh and deliver in the mud and slop, adds to his displeasure and Bible expressions. With fair weather we would have had a fair market, as the run was not over heavy. Prices leaned toward buyers on everything but choice new milch cows and No. 1 beef. These were firm and in demand. Sheep and lambs suffered most, the wet weather making them show to disadvantage. Prices were off from ⅛ to ¼ cent on all grades. In some instances large concessions were made.

Amount of Live Stock at Market.

Cattle, 1,581; sheep and lambs, 15,558; hogs, 29,445; pigs, 140; horses, 525; veals, 903. Amount from Maine—Cattle, 321; sheep, 2,392; horses, 64; veals, 147. Cattle exported, 214 head. English market off, range 9 to 10½ cents dressed weight.

Fluctuations.

Cattle prices rule steady with fair demand, and few 7 cents fancy cattle from Connecticut River. Sheep and lambs favorable to buyers' interests. Best Maine lambs 5¼ cts.; best fat sheep 4 cts., live, with range of prices down on lambs to 4 cts.; sheep, 2½ cts. dressed weight. Hogs are still ¼ cent lower, 6 cts. being the top price. Veals less active, ranging from 2½ to 6 cts. Milch cows, good assortment, with fair supply and demand. Range of Maine cows $60 to $25; New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts cows range from $30 to $80.

Sales of Maine Live Stock.

P. W. Thompson & Son sold 400 lambs, averaging 70 lbs., at 5 cents; 100 sheep that weighed 100 lbs. each, at 4 cents; 6 veals, 125 lbs. each, at 5¼ cents. N. Trafton, 11 veals averaging 220 lbs., at 5½ cts.; 2 spring heifers at $25 each; 12 steers that averaged to weigh 850 lbs. each, at $24 per head. Glines & Weston sold 2 new milch cows at $42.50 each. F. M. Hayden sold 6 two-year-old steers averaging 800 lbs., at $25; 1 good one at $42. C. H. Merrill sold 160 lambs at 5¼ cents, averaging 66 lbs; sheep at 4 cents; 7 springers $40 to $50; 2 at $65. King & Hammond sold 644 Madawaska sheep and lambs, at $3 each, one-quarter of the sheep averaging 85 lbs., lambs 60 lbs. Weiler & Libby sold 200 fat sheep and lambs at $3.40 each. R. W. Brown sold his shipment of sheep and lambs at $3.45 each. Aldrich & Johnson, cattle dealers from Keene, N. H. sold Mr. G. G. Mann, proprietor of the Quincy House, 10 new milch cows and springers for $700. We give this sale made by a New Hampshire drover to show the farmers of Maine the possibilities in the cow trade. This enterprising firm, as well as others in Vermont and Massachusetts, buy up at all seasons of the year farrow cows and those not coming in for several months, and dry them off and give them a rest in their warm barns or luxuriant pastures, with plenty to eat. These animals grow and fatten till at time of calving they are No. 1 beef, and in just the condition to sell for a high price, and are of value to the purchaser; as cows having gone dry four to six months are invariably heavy milkers. We, in Maine, having studied beef production, can beat the world in that commodity, but must learn some new points in dairying or fattening cows for sale in Brighton market. Frequently in purchasing cows in the rural districts in Maine, the owner will extol his cow as a fine one, and add as proof of her excellent qualities that she was not dried off, but milked right up to her calving, which recommendation is a bad one, as such a cow is little better than a farrow one, as the flow of milk will not increase much. All calf bearing animals should go dry at least three months. Some farmers will declare they cannot dry them off. Our answer to this is, stop milking. You can milk her out three times, three days apart, and she will be all right to turn away and recuperate her energies and accumulate flesh to enable her to be valuable to her future owner.

Additional Remarks.

Cows and sheep are in vogue; they pay a fair profit with judicious care and feeding. The beef question is a puzzle. Notwithstanding the low price and poor prospect we may wake up some morning and find ourselves short of this very essential article of food; if so, the price would go up like a rocket, and we Maine farmers should regret the sacrifices we are making in selling our fine bred steers at such poorhouse prices. The man who keeps a steady hand, a mixed stock, and raises a variety of crops will succeed best. Shifting from one kind of stock to another, and going to extremes proves the old adage true that "a rolling stone gathers no moss." I. C. Libby.

Brighton Cattle Market.

Brighton, Oct. 12, 1887.

Amount of live stock at market—Cattle 712; Sheep and lambs 4240, Swine 35,470; Horses 215, Veal calves 290.

Number from the different States: Western cattle, 362; Massachusetts cattle, 125; New York cattle, 85; Northern and Eastern cattle, 135; Connecticut cattle, 5; Western sheep and lambs, 5640; Canadian sheep and lambs, 1400; Maine sheep and lambs, 200; Western swine, 3240; Massachusetts store pigs, 280.

Prices of Western Beef Cattle per 100 lbs. live weight—Choice $5 40@5 50; first quality 5@5 25; second $4 75@4 90; third quality $4 50@4 60; poorest grades of coarse Oxen, Cows, Bulls, Stags, Texan, Colorado, $3 50@4 00.

Brighton Hides 6¼@7c. per lb.
Brighton Tallow 3½@3¾c. per lb.
Country Hides, 6@6½c per lb.
Country Tallow 1¾@2¼c. per lb.
Lamb Skins 75@95c each.
Extra heavy wool skins $1 75@2 each.
Calf Skins 6@7c per lb.
Cow hides 6c per lb.
Sheared skins 70@80c each.

Sales of Cattle.

By	Number.	Price per 100 lbs live wt.	Live wt.	Average net.
A. N. Monroe	25	5 50	"	1570
do	25	5 25	"	1536
do	15	4 80	"	1415
do	16	4 50	"	1478
do	16	4 25	"	1304
do	30	4 25	"	1300
do	32	4 00	"	1340
Farrell&McFlynn	10	4 75	"	1300
do	10	4 50	"	1200
do	5	4 50	"	1207
do	9	4 25	"	1300
do	8	4 00	"	1250

Working Oxen. The demand during the past week was fully up to the expectations of the selling interests. The market was well supplied with buyers, and drovers who had workers that were fairly matched and well broken found no difficulty in disposing of them at fair values. Sales noted: By P. W. Thompson & Son, 1 pair, girth 6 feet 10 inches, live weight 2800 lbs, $127. H. M. Taft, 1 pair, girth 7 feet 1 inch, live weight 3000 lbs, $133; 1 pair girth 6 feet 9 inches, live weight 2710 lbs, $103. J. D. Hosmer, 1 pair, girth 7 feet 3 inches, live weight 3180 lbs., $140; 1 pair, 6 feet 10 inches, live weight 2800 lbs, $125. Quotations per pair, $150@140@130@120@100@90.

Milch cows and springers.—Trade during the past week was more active than it has been for several months past. Drovers found ready purchasers at values fully up to the market quotations. Among the buyers were many farmers who were looking for extra choice dairy cows, and it was in a great degree a matter of fancy as to price, when they found what they wanted. Sales noted: By A. P. Stone, 1 new milch cow, $75; 3 new milch cows, $60 each; 1 springer, $55; 12 new milch cows, $42 per head. William Scollans, 1 new milch cow, $90; 1 springer, $50; 5 new milch cows, $48 per head; 14 new milch cows sold to a dealer at $40 per head. P. W. Thompson & Son, 1 new milch cow, $38; 3 new milch cows, $42 each. J. S. Henry, 1 new milch cow, $65; 2 new milch cows, $55 each; 5 new milch cows, $50 each. D. Keenan, 1 new milch cow, $47; 3 cows, $38 each; 1 springer, $44. I. C. Libby & Son, 1 new milch cow, $45; 3 new milch cows, $37 each; 1 springer, $42. Quotations, choice, $60@$80; ordinary, $45@$55; common, $28@$37.

Swine.—The arrivals from the West were consigned wholly to home slaughterers, and were taken directly from the cars to the slaughter-house. The following consignees received the shipments of the week: John P. Squire & Co., Charles H. North & Co., Niles Brothers. Quotations: Western fat hogs, 5@5¼c per lb, live weight; country dressed, 6c per lb. Store in light supply; the demand slow; those on offer brought to market from the neighboring cities and towns, and disposed in all manner of ways from $1.50 to $10 per head, and from 6c to 10c per lb, live weight.

Veal Calves.—Trade was fair, and the offerings were taken at a decline from last week. Quotations: Choice, 5½@6¼ per lb; ordinary, 4¾@5¼c per lb; common, 2½@3½c per lb; bobs, $1.25@1.75 each.

Store Cattle. Receipts light, demand dull. The offerings in fair condition for slaughtering. Quotations: Yearlings, $12@15; 2-year-olds, $11@21; 3-year-olds, $17@33.

Sheep and Lambs. The arrivals were all from the West and consigned to slaughterers; taken direct from cars to slaughter-house, costing, landed: Sheep, 5@6c per lb.; lambs, 6@6½c per lb., live weight.

The arrivals for the week figure up a total of 23 carloads of Western beef cattle for home and export trade; the fresh arrivals for the day, 4 carloads; of sheep and lambs we find 20 double-deck carloads for the week, with 4 carloads of cattle from New York State. Trade at the yards during the day was extremely dull in the demand, and drovers claimed that the buyers made their own prices, yet the degrees of quality were not as good as those on offer one week ago. In the morning hours of the market yesterday not a buyer was on the market, and drovers were looking gloomy; the weather was also against the trade. Home slaughterer's bought a few carloads on Monday, and no inducement could be held out to them by drovers to purchase any large number, buyers claiming that the condition of the dressed meat market would not warrant them in purchasing but just enough to supply their trade. We find no demand for Western cattle for the export trade, a complete stop being made by the shippers from this market.

The advices received from British markets during the past week show prices ½c per lb. lower than those quoted one week ago, with the demand dull, and the markets overstocked with home fed stock.

Boston Market.

Boston, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1887.

Flour and Meal. There is very little inquiry for flour and the prices are nominally the same. The quotations following include the prices for large and small lots: We quote fine at $3 40@3 00; superfine at $2 90@3 40; extras and seconds at $3 15@4 00; Michigan stone ground at $4 10@4 40; Minnesota bakers at $4 10@4 60; winter wheat rollers at $4 20@4 60; winter wheat patents at $4 60@5 00, and spring wheat patents at $4 85@5 30 per bbl. Corn meal is firm, and in demand at $2 40@2 45 for kiln-dried and granulated at $3 00 per bbl. Oat meal is in fair demand with sales of fine at $5 50@5 75, and cut $6 10@6 20 per bbl. In rye flour sells in small lots at $3 25@$3 50 per bbl.

Grain. Corn has ruled steady, and trade fair at previous prices. Steamer yellow have been at 58c ands teamer mixed at 57c per bush, with track lots offered at about 1½c less. Oats on the spot rule quiet and prices are weak, with sales of No. 2 white at 36½@36¾c on track, and 37½@37¾c in elevators. In futures sales on the call of 16,200 bush. May No. 2 white at 40½@40⅝c. Before the call sales of 2700 bush Dec. do at 37¾c; 10,800 bush May do at 40⅝; 2700 bush Oct. do at 36¾c, and 5403 bush do do at 36½@36⅝c per bush. For cash the closing prices were 36c bid and 36⅞c asked, making the settling price 36½c.

Provisions and Produce. Butter continues very steady. It is claimed that if this market is to follow that of the West, that as high as 27@28c must be obtained for the best western creameries, and still it is hard to get this market above 26@26½c. The quotations here show no changes.

Cheese is steady, with the market firm. There was a moderate trade on the basis of 12@12½ on the best there is to offer. The quotations are: Good to choice, in job lots, 13½@14c; choice northern, in round lots, 11@12½c; western, 11½@12½c; fair to good, 9@10c. The Liverpool market is quoted at 58s.

Receipts of beans have increased, but there is no perceptible change in prices, as the trade are bare of stock and forced to buy in order to meet the wants of consumers. Handpicked small pea still command $2 50@$2 55 per bushel, and large pea move off at $2 40@$2 45. Choice mediums are steady at $2 25@$2 30. Improved yellow eyes are quiet at $1 75@$1 80, and red kidneys rule at $1 80@$1 90 per bushel. Foreign beans have been arriving quite freely, but they are in demand for the western market and rule steady at about $2 per bushel.

The demand for fresh eggs is gradually increasing, and prices have gained a little more strength. Eastern extras rule at 22@23c per dozen, and firsts at 20@21½c. The latter range includes fresh Prince Edward Island, northern and western. Ice house stock receives very little attention, and quoted nominally 18@19c per dozen.

There has been a good trade in potatoes, and prices are steady. Houlton rose and hebrons command 78 to 80 cents, and other kinds rule at 65 to 75 cents per bushel. Receipts clean up well. Sweets have been in liberal supply, and prices range from $2 to $2 50 per barrel.

The apple market is a little tame, and prices are barely maintained. Choice hard varieties rule at $1 75 to $2 per barrel. Fancy grades including snows and kings, command $2 25 to $2 75, and Novia Scotia gravensteins go up to $3 to$3 25 per barrel. Exporters are operating cautiously, as advices from abroad are not encouraging. Pears range from $3 to$7 per barrel as to quality. Grapes are plentiful and continue at low prices, say from 3 to 5 cents per pound.

Hay. There is not much life to the hay market. Only very choice grades command $18 per ton. Most of the sales in carloads rule at $14 to $17 per ton. Rye straw is in good demand and choice new readily commands $16 to $17 per ton.

Augusta City Market.

[Corrected Weekly for the Maine Farmer.]

Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Apples—Green apples, $5 00 per bbl.; evaporated 00@00c per lb.
Beans—Pea beans 2 25; Yellow Eyes $1 50@1 75.
Butter—Good Firkin 17@18; Butter sells for 15c; Ball Butter 18@20c.
Cheese—10@12c.
Cotton Seed Meal—$1 45 per cwt.
Eggs—22c per dozen.
Flour—St. Louis $5 00@5 50; Patent 6 00.
Grain—Corn 58@60c; oats 40@45; barley 80c. Rye $1 00.
Hay—$12 00@15 00.
Straw—Loose $6@$7; pressed $8@$10.
Honey—Choice Aroostook 15@16c.
Hides and Skins—Cow and ox hides, 6c; bulls and stags, 4c; calf skins, 6c.
Lime and Cement—Lime $1 10 per cask; cement $1 75.
Lard—Tierce 7@7¼; Dom. 8@8½c.
Meal—Corn 57@59; rye 90@1 00.
Produce—New potatoes, 75@80 90 per bu.; new cabbages, 1@1½c per lb; squash, 1@1½c per lb; turnips, $0 40 per bushel; beets, 50c per bu.
Provisions—Clear salt pork 7@8c; beef per side 7¼@8c; ham 12@13c; fowls 8@10c; mutton 7@8c; lamb 8@8½c; veal 7@8c; chickens 15@16c; Old turkeys 12½c; round hog 7c.
Shorts—$1 25 per hundred.

Portland Market.

Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Apples—Green, $2.50@3.00 per bbl.; Evaporated, 12@13c per lb.
Butter—20@21 for choice family; creamery, 26@28c.
Beans—Pea, $2 65@2 75; Yellow Eyes, $1 65@1 75.
Cheese—Maine and Vermont Factory, 10@13½c; N. Y. Factory, 10@13¾.
Flour—Superfine, $2 75@3 75; Spring X and XX, $4 15@4 35; Roller Michigan, $4 50@4 75; St. Louis Winter Patents, $5 00@5 28.
Fish—Cod Shore, $4 00@4 25; bank, $3 50@4 00; Scaled herring per box, 20@22c; Mackerel per bbl, Shore No 1, $18 00@20 00.
Grain—Corn, bag lots, 60@61; oats, 40@42c; cotton seed, car lots, $25 25@25 50; cotton seed, bag lots, $26 00@27 00; sacked bran, car lots, $17 50@18 50; sacked bran, bag lots, $19 00@20 00; middlings, car lots, $19 00@21 00; middlings, bag lots, $20 00@23 00.
Lard—Per tierce, 7¼@7¾c per lb; per tub, 7¼@7¾c; pail, 7¾@7½c.
Provisions—Fowl, 13@14c; chickens 16@18; eggs, 20@22c; potatoes, 75@85c per bush.; extra beef, $7 75@8 25; pork backs, $18 50@19 00; clear, $18 00@18 50; hams, 12@12½c; covered, 14@14½c.

Bangor Produce Market.

Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Apples—$1 00@2 25 per bbl.
Beans—Yellow Eyes, $1 30@1 35 per bush.; hand picked Pea, $1 90@2 00.
Butter—Best, 20@22c per lb.; fair to good, 19@20c.
Eggs—20@22c per doz.
Grain—Oats, 40@45c per bushel.
Hay—$12@13 per ton; best bales, $13@14.
Corn—60@64c; meal, 60c.
Potatoes—Best quality per bushel, 60@75c.
Provisions—Pork, round hog per lb., 5@6c. Chicken, 12@15; Fowl per lb., 13@13c.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; shipments, 2,000; market strong for best, steady for others; shipping steers, at 2 75@5 20; stockers and feeders, 1 80@3 10; cows, bulls and mixed, 1 20@2 70; Texas cattle, 1 50@1 60; western rangers, 2 30@3 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; shipments 7,000; opened higher; closed at advanced lost; mixed at 4 25@4 65; heavy at 4 40@4 75; light at 4 35@4 40; rough and skips 3 25@4 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; shipments 1,000; market active and higher; natives at 3 00@4 25; Western at 3 00@3 65; Texans at 2 50@3 50; Lambs at 4 25@5 75.

New York Money Market.

New York, Oct. 11.

United States Bonds.	3's, (reg.)	
" "	New 4s, (reg.)	124¾
" "	" (coup.)	124⅝
" "	New 4½ (reg.)	108
" "	4½ (coup.)	108
" "	Pacific 1sts.	115

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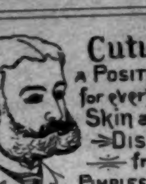

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Married.

In Bucksport, Oct. 5, Irvin L. Brown to Agnes L. Hill, both of Bucksport.

In Biddeford, Oct. 5, Luvill H. Hill to Nettie C. Winship, both of Biddeford; Oct. 5, Arthur G Turner to Eva F. Goldthwaite.

In Belfast, Oct. 1, Joseph Pinkham of Montville, to Elizabeth Nickerson of Belfast; Oct. 3, Capt. E. F. Bramhall to Alice A. Coombs, both of Belfast.

In Chelsea, Sept. 28, C. Arthur Collins to Annie L. Vaughan.

In Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28, George E. Abbott of North Anson, to M. Elizabeth Metcalfe of Chicago.

In Clinton, Oct. 1, Charles E. Hodgdon to Edna M. Hamlin.

In Dresden, Sept. 28, Stephen Killam to Cora B. McGown, both of Dresden.

In Eastport, Aug. 7, Abiel T. Smith to Mrs Charlotte A. Lank, both of Eastport; Aug. 14, Leonard Morse of Cherryfield, to Mrs. Margaret A. Trott of Eastport; Aug. 31, Wm. H. Calder of Deer Island, N. B., to Fannie R. Bridges of Eastport; Sept. 4, Joseph H. Surles of Eastport, to Maud E. Lank of Campobello, N. B.; Sept. 15, Wm. B. Dean to Mrs. Mahala McCance, both of Eastport.

In Farmington, Oct. 5, Alfred Neal of Vienna, to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Mt. Vernon; Sept. 28, Fred C. Stoddard of Farmington, to Ina M. Hodgkins of Temple.

In Great Pond, Oct. 1, Charles H. Markman of Collins Corner, Kings County, N. B., to Emma Williams of Great Pond.

In Great Works, Oct. 6, Fred A. Johnson to Rossmond M. Rowe.

In Gardiner, Oct. 1, Fred M. Burns to Sarah B. Barstow.

In Hodgdon, Sept. 28, William E. Alexander to Mary J. Grant.

In Houlton, Oct. 2, Jabez Young to Mrs. Alice B. Dority.

In Lincolnville, Sept. 29, Capt. William E. Dickey to Emma I. Cross, both of L.

In Lewiston, Sept. 29, J. J. Andrews to Sadie Dill, both of Lewiston.

In Limington, Oct. 5, Charles N. Chase to Fannie A. Meserve, both of Limington.

In Madison, Sept. 27, Alvin S. Bailey of Madison, to Edith M. Wescott of Anson.

In Mechanic Falls, Oct. 4, Jefferson J. Merrill of Paris, to Geneva M. Herrick of Poland.

In North Appleton, Sept. 24, Alvin J. Perry of North Hope, to Nettie Tiffany of Camden.

In Orland, Sept. 4, Preston J. Russell of Bucksport, to Hattie Bowden of Penobscot.

In Orono, Oct. 5, Arthur W. Stinchfield to Bessie M. Dorr, both of Veazie.

In Princeton, Sept. 28, G. F. Smith of Calais, to Gretta Haley of Princeton.

In Portland, Oct. 4, Wm. Hood to Jennie M. R. Stephenson, both of Portland; Oct. 5, Wm. H. Dixon to Josephine B. Watson, both of Portland; Oct. 5, Thomas Lincoln Talbot to Alice Bradford Spring; Wm. O. Dorr to Helen T. Frost, both of Portland; Oct. 5, Peter A. Sullivan to Julia M. Flaherty; Oct. 5, Wilford G. Chapman to Tinnie A. Drummond.

In Phillips, Sept. 29, Frank H. Wilbur to Evelyn Church, both of Phillips.

In Rockland, Oct. 1st, Arnold D. Erskine of Rockland, to Carrie E. Allen of Thomaston; Sept. 29, Hanson G. Bird to Jennie F. Willey, both of Rockland; Sept. 28, S. P. Leach to Minnie Robinson, both of Rockland.

In Starks, Sept. 30, George F. Woodcock of Starks, to Mrs. Katie B. Fellows of Chesterville.

In Skowhegan, Sept. 10, Henry E. Harrington to Idella F. Green, both of Skowhegan; Oct. 1, Robert G. Wilson of Dennystown, to Nellie E. Lawson of The Forks; Oct. 2d, Charles Taylor to Alice E. Buzzell, both of Athens; Oct. 3, Frank E. Cushman to Annie C. Houston, both of Skowhegan.

In Searsmont, Sept. 24, Charles Burgess to Lizzie E. Fuller, both of Searsmont.

In Saco, Sept. 27, Edw. B. Wolston of Charlestown, to Mabel S. Shannon of Saco; Sept. 24, Fred P. Lowell of Saco, to Climena T. Pennell of Machias; Oct. 3, Elmer E. Tibbetts to Mrs. Sarah E. Sparrow.

In Topsham, Sept. 5, Geo. Alexander to Susie Robinson, both of Topsham.

In Webster, Sept. 27, Leander Allen to Mabel Rideout, both of Bowdoin.

In Weld, Sept. 26, Francis A. Babb of Dixfield, to Hattie V. Sinnett of Weld.

In Waldoboro, Oct. 1, Fred B. Rowe to Delia E. Schwartz, both of Waldoboro.

In Windsor, Sept. 11, by Rev. J. A. Wilson, Joseph A. Nash of Pittston, to Hattie A. Hewitt of Windsor.

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Died.

In this city, Oct. 1, David Dunn, aged 75 years, 1 month.

In Alexander, Sept. 22, Hiram Berry, aged 80 years, 6 months.

In Addison, Sept. 17, Mrs. Polly, wife of the late Obadiah Allen of Centreville, aged 97 years, 2 mos.

In Bangor, Oct. 4, Ann, wife of A. C. Leighton, aged 70 years, 11 months; Oct. 5, Timothy Dwyer, aged 60 years; Oct. 6, Andrew Mann, aged 60 years.

In Biddeford, Oct. 4, Mrs. Cora B. Daily, daughter of the late Orrison D. and Clara A. Adams, aged 30 years, 7 months.

In Brighton, Sept. 27, Mrs. Lucinda, wife of Mr. Heman Foss, aged 78 years, 5 months; Sept. 20, Stephen Jewett, aged 93 years, 9 months; Sept. 30, Mrs. Dudley Haines, aged 68 years.

In Belfast, Sept. 30, Leigh, infant child of Alice and Elroy R. Bowen; Sept. 30, Mrs. Abby Brier, aged 67 years.

In Bradford, Oct. 5, Bethula, wife of Charles Reeves, aged 84 years.

In Bath, Oct. 2, Louisa J., wife of Capt. Robert P. Manson, aged 79 years; Oct. 4, Charles Ernest, son of Charles T. and Ellen P. Lord, aged 5 years; Oct. 5, Herold G., son of Fred and Lizzie Billings, aged 8 months.

In Bridgton, Sept. 29, Ethel L., daughter of Marshall and Evie Douglass, aged 4 years, 11 mos.

In Chesterville, Oct. 1, John Simpson, aged about 67 years.

In Cornish, Oct. 3, Mary, widow of the late Clark C. Cole, aged 77 years.

In Calais, Sept. 27, Michael Douglass, aged 72 years, 2 months.

In Chebeague Island, Oct. 4, Alexander H. Hamilton, aged 27 years, 6 months.

In Deer Island, Sept. 29, Mrs. Dolly Lambert, aged 76 years, 5 months.

In East Machias, Sept. 26, Thaxter Gardner, aged 75 years, 9 months.

In Farmington, Oct. 1, Hannah A. Titcomb, aged 74 years, 1 month; Oct. 2, Capt. Samuel Munson, 9th Inf. U. S. A., aged about 53 years.

In Houlton, Sept. 29, Howard C., only son of Lyman A. and Mattie O. Hannigan, aged 6 years, 2 months.

In Jay, Sept. 29, Ida Bryant, aged 10 years.

In Kenzer Falls, Sept. 26, Fred, son of H. F. Snow, aged 27 years.

In Lewiston, Oct. 5, Mrs. Carrie Cross, aged 56 years.

In Lisbon Falls, Oct. 3, A. H. Hoyt, aged 58 years.

In Meddybemps, Sept. 30, Lucy B. Lombard, aged 60 years.

In Milltown, N. B., Oct. 3, J. D. Andrews, aged 77 years, 4 months.

In Mount Morris Plains, N. J., Sept. 18, Zorah Emma, daughter of Archibald and Abbie Campbell of Red Beach, aged 26 years, 8 months.

In Melrose Highlands, Mass., Sept. 9, Eleanor, wife of M. C. Bacheller, and only daughter of Mr. Addison Powers of Fort Fairfield, aged 37 years, 8 months.

In Mt. Vernon, Oct. 7, John Stain, aged 80 years.

In North Bridgton, Oct. 1, Nancy J., wife of John Mead, aged 85 years.

In New Portland, Sept. 27, Elias G. Gould, aged 86 years, 8 months.

In New Gloucester, Oct. 5, Mrs. Otis C. Nelson, aged 48 years, 10 months.

In Pittsfield, Sept. 29, Mrs. Mary W. Hathorn, widow of the late Going Hathorn, aged 75 years, 5 months.

In Portland, Oct. 6, Nellie Sawyer, aged 30 years; Oct. 6, Mrs. Kate, wife of Edward O. Batson, aged 40 years, 7 months; Oct. 6, Lillie, daughter of Fred S. and Lydia Wyley, aged 5 months; at the residence of Mr. A. C. Waite, Jerry, eldest son of Robert C. and Emma Johnston of Fort Fairfield, aged 22 years, 6 months; Oct. 5, Charlotte Augusta, daughter of Dr. M. H. and Mrs. R. T. Simons, aged 4 years; Oct. 5, Henry Moore, aged 65 years, 9 mos.

In Rockland, Sept. 28, Martha J., wife of Joseph T. Young, aged 62 years; Oct. 1, Laura E., wife of Robert W. Messer, aged 49 years, 10 months; Oct. 1, James E., son of Geo. W. Cox, aged 22 years, 2 mos.

In Readfield, Oct. 5, Clarissa Haywood, aged 88 years.

In Sebec, Sept. 28, Mrs. C. B. Ray, widow of the late Walter H. Ray, aged 79 years, formerly of Bristol.

In Skowhegan, Oct. 1, Stephen Jewett; remains taken to Waterville for interment.

In South Cushing, Sept. 22, Henry Marshall, formerly of St. George, aged 75 years.

In Topsham, Oct. 1, Irvin L. Pluckett, aged 3 mos.

In Tremont, Sept. 18, Benjamin Newman, aged 78 years.

In Temple, Sept. 26, Joel Hobert, aged 81 years, 7 months.

In Winnegance, Oct. 5, Mary L., wife of John M. Farrin of Brunswick, aged 45 years.

In West Gouldsboro, Sept. 30, Mahlon C. Witham, aged 47 years.

In Warren, Sept. 28, Antoinette, (Payson) wife of Deacon Lermond Kalloch, aged 69 years, 2 months.

In Westbrook, Oct. 3, Mrs. Eunice, widow of Capt. Hussey, aged 90 years, formerly of E. Vassalboro, where interment took place the 5th inst.

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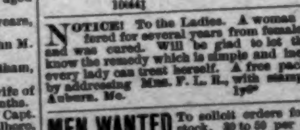

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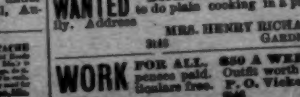

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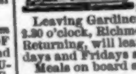

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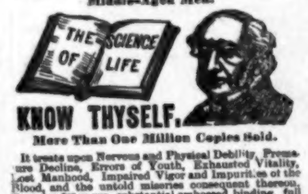

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Address

[Delivered at the Kennebec County Cattle Show and Fair at Readfield, Sept. 29, 1887, by Rev. Erwin Dement of Franklin, Mass.]

Fellow Citizens of Kennebec County, of the the good old Pine Tree State: I suppose I can call you fellow citizens for I haven't been in Massachusetts long enough to acquire a residence, and even if I had I shall feel that the people of this and Androscoggin county are my people particularly, as long as I live, let me dwell in what land I may. Now, first of all, I want to congratulate you on taking special pains to secure a speaker on this interesting occasion who is so well informed and thoroughly posted on the great subject of agriculture. Now I will guarantee that those people who are laughing at me live in Waynе, and I will attend to their case by and by. Now the reason I notify you in advance of my great knowledge on this point, is simply because I am afraid you would never find it out if I did not tell, at least by anything that I shall say on this occasion.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy down in the very depths of my heart to be permitted once more to stand among my friends of this county. And while I am finding many friends in the Old Bay State, and find it a very pleasant State in which to live, yet there is a charm about these hills and valleys, lakes and streams, hamlets and villages, mountains and forests, that I shall never find in any other land, and why? Because this is the home of my childhood and early manhood, the place where I gave my heart of the best friend of life, a mother; and when the morning of the resurrection comes I would rather be in Maine, where I have so many of the treasures, than in any other part of the globe on which God has placed us. Glorious New England! The children have indeed no need to blush for them, for out of thee have come forth a band of men and women of such illustrious fame that the name of New England shall ever be surrounded with a halo of undying lustre and glory as cannot be eclipsed by the brightness of any other portion of our broad land. I know men speak slightingly sometimes of the extreme East as the place where they pry up the sun, and where the sheep sharpen their noses on the rocks, and many other very witty things. They talk of our long, cold winters, (and with some truth) they talk of the fertile West and sunny South, but I believe to-day, I cannot speak from experience, but I believe that New England has the fewest outs of all the Lord's footstool.

Whatever they may say of Maine, my friends, one thing is certain, that when the summer comes, with its days of oppressive vapor, and hot waves following each other in rapid succession, then the weary thousands rush to Maine as the spot nearest approaching paradise to be found in all the country.

Now I am expected, I suppose, to say something to you about agriculture. I have never written a book entitled, "What I know about farming." It would not be very large book if I did, and I think I will postpone it until I have delivered a few more agricultural addresses. I can give you my experience, however, in farming if you desire to hear it, as it will not take long. Don't think I have never lived on a farm, for I have. I lived a year and a half on a fine farm in the town of Bowdoin, and when I left that farm with my parents I was just a year and a half old, and I suppose I worked about as hard and performed the same duties that the boys of that age usually perform on a farm. That is my first experience. Later on in life I was initiated into the wonderful mysteries of potato dropping, and corn and beans, &c. I remember some days in the cold autumn when picking up potatoes, that I imagined my back ached. I suppose I must have imagined it, for my father, when I complained, would tell me that the boy's back never ought to ache, and I suppose he knew best. I declare, as I look back at it even now I can't help feeling that it did ache. Last year I still further attempted to engage in agriculture in the town of Wayne, by the way one of the best towns in the world. I succeeded admirably until vacation season, when, being away for a few weeks, I found on my return that the weeds had overgrown everything, and if you want to know, farmers of Kennebec county, what crops you can raise with the least amount of labor, you need not hold farmers' clubs to settle the matter, it can be answered in a word, weeds, weeds, *weeds!* But really the best experience I have had in the raising of crops of any kind, I have gained through this season, when on reaching Franklin I found a fine garden just come to maturity, filled with the good things of this season of the year, and was told that it was mine, all mine, that it grew for my particular benefit. What man wouldn't like to farm if in that way?

But aside from pleasantry, my friends, what can I say to you that will in any way compensate you for having called me from Massachusetts for the purpose of addressing you for an hour on this occasion. It is a pleasure for me to be permitted to stand among you once more. I feel that you are my people, and while I have received a warm welcome from my friends in Massachusetts, still I have many times felt hungry for the privilege of looking into the faces of a Maine audience, especially the this part of Maine. But if I could speak some words here to-day that would help any of you, that would make a heart lighter, that would bring good cheer into your homes—yea, to a single home—that would lighten a single burden that may be bearing heavily upon any one of you, that would make a restless, wayward boy, who ought to stop at the old home and care for the old folks, more contented,—if any word I speak shall accomplish any of these ends, how would my joy at being here be enhanced.

My friends, the older I get the more I like the country, the more beautiful and glorious seem the works of God in Nature when compared with the brick walls and paved streets and rush and roar and clatter and din of a great city.

I was riding along a few miles from this place, a little after the sunset hour, (coming home from a meeting,) and by the way, perhaps that had some influence on me, I looked upon the mountains stretching off in the West, with the river, like a thread of silver, in the valley below, and then noted the lights flashing out from so many happy homes, I said to myself, What a beautiful indeed, this is almost Paradise."

Now the word "home" always had a wonderful charm for me, but to-day it is dearer than ever, even though tinged with a sadness that I have not known until of late.

Young men of Kennebec county, (are there among you to-day any who have somehow become discontented? If it is not because you do not really love your home, but have somehow longings for another life has taken possession of you, and as you tramp across your father's broad acres you long for the paved streets of the great city, and as you wield the axe, or swing the scythe or mow down the lane with hoe on shoulder, your mind is away, amid the busy whirl and rush and clamor of mercantile life, and then as you sit at the evening hour around the old hearthstone and read in the weekly paper the exciting news from the great metropolis, you throw down the sheet, and sit and think, and thought is framed into words, and you say, "I can't stay here and plod on in this way; it's all very well, and I suppose I shall do well enough, but I crave a different life." Young men, let me say a word to you: Of course there are exceptions. There are men doing on the farms who were born for the marts of trade, but let me tell you, young men, that the busy, care-worn merchants of the city, who to-day are struggling to keep on top the great, swelling, crested waves of commercial life, are slaves compared with the farmer in his pleasant country home.

As you shall sit to-night in that home with father on one side and mother on the other, just remember that he to whom you listened to-day at this annual gathering, would give a great deal—if he possessed it—to enjoy that privilege that perhaps you are sighing to give up for something else. A few months ago there was such a man as I have described, toward which my thoughts turned every day, the home of my childhood. Although God has given me a pleasant home and a dear companion and little ones, yet to that old home my thoughts would turn and turn again. It was a haven of refuge, a place where a warm welcome always awaited me. But suddenly I was called to stand amid the shattered ruins of that dear old spot. One by one, within three weeks of each other, the lights went out—father, mother, gone, and to-day company after company sit in the old familiar rooms, and the home of my fathers is no more a home for me. Do you not think that I would give a great deal to be in the old sitting room to-night, and hear the familiar voices that will sound in my ear no more on earth?

And so I say to you, young men, don't be in a hurry to leave the farm for the imagined pleasures of city life. Father and mother are getting old, yes, and how tenderly mother has watched over you from infancy—as only a mother can—at morning and evening her petitions have gone up to the ear of deity for you. And father, too. He is getting old, possibly a little fretful, very likely a little inclined to childishness, but you know his days are nearly through. He was straight and stalwart once, and then how hard he labored for you. Bear with him. Be kind to the old folks at home, for soon, too soon, you will weep, as the old grave digger rattles the clods of the valley down upon their coffin lid. And no, when they ask you to stay on the old farm a little longer, be patient with them, remember that in the great book of God we read "Honor thy father and thy mother," which is the first commandment with promise. The old song expresses truth, I believe, when it says:

"The farm is the surest and safest,
The orchards are loaded to-day;
You're free as the air of the mountain,
And monarch of all you survey.
Better stay on the farm a while longer,
Though profit comes in rather slow;
Remember you're nothing to risk, boys,
Don't be in a hurry to go."

Now of course you do not expect me to come here and tell you how to cultivate your fertile fields, or how to make them more productive, what kind of fertilizers to use, if any, or what kind of crops to raise that will pay you the most profit. There isn't a single farmer among you but that knows more of these matters than I do. I sow seed even as you do, yes, I now summer and winter, and, thank God, sometimes reap a harvest, but it is a different kind of seed from that you sow on these farms. Ah, but some one says, you have been telling us young men to stick to the farm and why did not you get on a farm and stick to it also? Well, I expect one reason was that I did not know enough to make a successful farmer, and so I was going to say, for you know we read that sometimes if there is a boy in the family that is so dull they cannot make a doctor or a lawyer or a farmer out of him, they say, "well, I guess he'll do well enough for a minister, let him preach, he isn't good for anything else."

Now I want to protest against that here and now. If you have a boy that really is not fit for anything else, in heaven's name keep him out of the pulpit, for there is enough of us like that now. But if I can't tell you what kind of crops to raise from the soil I will mention a few things, that if we cultivate them, our homes will be brighter and our farms better. And first let us cultivate brotherly, neighborly, kindness. I like the old time ways when the country was new and the little log cabins far apart, that when there was a funeral all the settlers for miles around came to express, as best they could, their sympathy. That was as it should be, when "a touch of sorrow made them all akin." Why, I remember attending the funeral of a little child a few years ago, and right down in front of the house was another man's farm; they were busy at work, and the sound of that labor grated harshly on my ear. Ah, we cannot cultivate too much of brotherly kindness and good deeds to each other. When an act of kindness in time of distress comes to us, let us pass it on to some one else in trouble. Let our watchword be deeds of kindness be, pass them along and they will come back to us again weighted down with new blessings.

My brother farmer, do you remember last year when you were in trouble, sickness in the family, work all behind, and you fairly discouraged, do you remember how that neighbor put his shoulder to the wheel and helped you up out of the ruts of misfortune? Ah, yes, you say, I do remember it well. Dear friend, to-day your neighbor is in trouble, pass the blessing you received right along to him, and keep them moving. That's the way to be a happy farmer, yes, or anything else, for as sure as you live blessings passed on always come back.

Don't take pattern after the first farmer of whom we have any record, viz., that wicked one who slew his brother. He was no doubt a petulant, disagreeable farmer, altogether unlike the royal, good farmer who fill the fertile fields of Kennebec county in the good old State of Maine.

But secondly, I counsel you to cultivate a special care for the household department. You remember how, when you started out in life that beautiful day, when you stood before the man of God with the dear girl that you had chosen from all the world to be all yours, that when the words, "do you promise to love, cherish and protect her," fell on your ear, you said yes, and what did that mean? It did not mean that you should have a sewing machine of the latest pattern and she should wring her clothes by hand. I think we are too apt to forget this. Remember, that while we have mowing machines, and rakes, and hay tedders, and horse hoes, and hay forks, and a thousand and one things to save time and muscle out in the field, that there are also patent washers and wringers, and carpet sweepers, and sewing machines, and a hundred things to save the strength of that little arm that rested so lightly and lovingly on yours in that far away time in the past. Cherish and protect them, they will need all their strength in the years to come, and we want them all to live a long, eighty, and sit in the chimney corner in the evening of life and rest and tell stories to the grandchildren.

But thirdly, let us cultivate temperance. I don't know as I need to speak to you about this, for I am glad to know that Old Kennebec county is rising in her might, and is saying to the manufacturer, "Depart ye accursed into the place prepared for you by the guardians of the peace," but yet, a word upon the subject may not be amiss. In the good old days of free rum, when every grocery was a grocery, every farmer went to the dogs because of that fiend of evil, as well as men of other callings. I turn to the Bible, and there I read of a farmer by the name of Noah, a man who had a great vineyard—and I will admit that he was a preacher also—and I read that he took of the fruit of the vine and got drunk. It don't make much difference whether it's a farmer, a doctor, a lawyer, or a minister, if he puts the great enemy to his mouth it will steal away his brains. And so even farmer Noah drank the fermented juice of the grape and got tipsy. And my friends, let us remember that the fermented juice of the apple has just the same effect. The day has come when men's eyes are getting open on this subject, and the gathering armies are marching under the white flag of temperance are preparing as never before to march upon the citadels of King Alcohol and plant battle in the name of the Lord of hosts. And if all the farmers of Maine and of New England and the great West and the south can only be arrayed against the monster, the great cities will hear the voice of the mustering squadrons and tremble. Thank God that day is coming, and that the great question is to be the question on which men are to separate. Which shall go, the home or the saloon? Now intemperance swallows up everything, and it causes its dealers to swallow up strange things sometimes. A man down South who had lost a plantation and all his property by this evil habit, was one day feeling ill, and went to a physician to get help. The man of medicine, who knew very well what had made him sick, told him to open his mouth. The man did so, and the doctor, looking down, started back as he turned, "Why, doctor," says the poor fellow, "do you see anything alarming?" "Why, I should think so," said the doctor. "Why, man, you've swallowed a farm and 500 negroes." And so the man had, and it only taken him a few years either. And so many a man has swallowed in the wine cup, home, business, reputation, hope of heaven, everything.

Young men of Kennebec county, let me say to you in the language of a very wise man, who died many years before your humble speaker was born, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." I want the young men of Kennebec county to have as good homes as there are in the world, and so I say to you, keep the devil of intemperance out. To be a successful farmer needs a clear head and a strong arm. Tamper with nothing, that will paralyze either. Another thing I will especially recommend to the young men and women of Kennebec county, and that is, to get an education for your other gettings. Don't think that because you intend to be a farmer, if you do, or a farmer's wife, if you do, that an education isn't needed. All the knowledge you can possess yourself of won't be too much for you poorer farmers. I don't mean by that that you can't succeed without an education. He does in many things, but I care not what occupation a man intends to follow, even if down to endman of a minstrel troup or clown in a circus, he will make a better clown or better minstrel with an education than without; and most certainly if we are to till the soil, to be successful independent of all lives, that of a farmer, we must certainly an education won't hurt us. Give me a home among the hills of Maine, with good knowledge of agriculture, and not only that, but books and music and a love not only for fine stock, fine horses and fine crops, but a love for literature of a high order also, and I will show you one of the most pleasant spots of earth. And so, farmers, I commend to you your own soil I will mention a few things, that if we cultivate them, our homes will be brighter and our farms better. And first let us cultivate brotherly, neighborly, kindness. I like the old time ways when the country was new and the little log cabins far apart, that when there was a funeral all the settlers for miles around came to express, as best they could, their sympathy. That was as it should be, when "a touch of sorrow made them all akin." Why, I remember attending the funeral of a little child a few years ago, and right down in front of the house was another man's farm; they were busy at work, and the sound of that labor grated harshly on my ear. Ah, we cannot cultivate too much of brotherly kindness and good deeds to each other. When an act of kindness in time of distress comes to us, let us pass it on to some one else in trouble. Let our watchword be deeds of kindness be, pass them along and they will come back to us again weighted down with new blessings.

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